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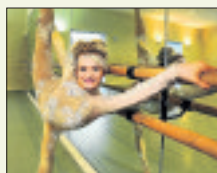
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Young boxer earns his shot at nationals

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## Chuggers confident of licence battle win

Defiant charity collectors are insisting the law is on their side after Dudley Council ruled they must carry a licence to stop shoppers in the street.

From now on the so-called charity muggers or "chuggers" must apply for a permit under a crackdown launched by councillors.

The body which represents them had hoped to come to a compromise with the council.

But council chiefs have refused to back down and will now wait for the outcome of a national review by Lord Hodgson.

The Public Fundraising Regulatory Association says the collectors – who carry clipboards and try to persuade shoppers to sign up to direct debit payments – do not need a licence because they are not collecting cash.

They originally launched a judicial review to get the plans overturned in the High Court but this was dropped in favour of discussing the issue.

Lord Hodgson is leading a full review and is due to report back to parliament by the summer.

But in the meantime in Dudley only chuggers who have gone through the application process with the council will be able to stop shoppers in the street – and the PFRA fears this will cut its number of workers.

## £20m for more buses

A TOTAL of £20 million will be spent on more than 100 new buses in the West Midlands this year, say transport bosses.

National Express West Midlands plans to boost its fleet of around 1,600 buses by another 100 single-decker buses and 30 smaller buses. It follows an extra 120 buses on the region's roads last year following a £22m investment by the firm.

The figure included 18 hybrid buses as the company aimed to drive down costs.

# FIRE SITE BATTLE FACES COLLAPSE

by Heather Large

**THE FIGHT** by campaigners to keep Halesowen fire station open is in danger of collapsing due to a shortage of cash. Campaigners are demanding a judicial review of the decision to shut the base and axe a 24-hour crew which

also serves Cradley Heath.

But they need to raise £40,000 to fund the legal bid and a £10,000 deposit needs to be paid to lawyers by February 28. Campaigners admitted they are worried about not being able to generate the cash in time and fear they may be forced to rethink taking legal action.

They were hoping to secure some large donations from businesses before appealing to the public, but so far have only been offered a few loans.

If more money is not found by the end of this week then the group will look at dropping their campaign – meaning the station will shut on March 31 as planned. A new station would be built at an as-yet-undecided location.

Members of The Halesowen and Cradley Heath Fire Station Action Group will step out in local town centres to collect cash and are setting up an account to handle the donations.

### Businesses

But the main source of income is expected to be from local businesses and campaigners are now urging anyone who can help to come forward.

Campaign spokesman Halesowen and Rowley Regis MP James Morris said everyone was "very positive" that West Midlands Fire Authority's decision could be overturned. But he said: "It is a huge task to raise this money and we are going to have to look seriously at whether we can get it together in time."

A total of 56 staff between the two stations, including officers and administrators, will be vying for 28 posts at Cradley Heath. Staff not appointed can choose between positions at other stations subject to availability. Some may have to take temporary posts moving between stations.

Until recently fire service chiefs have said their options remained open over plans for a new base for crews in Halesowen and Cradley Heath but they have now confirmed they are looking to build a new station to cover both areas.

## Carrying torch for the Olympics



Front, Ross Ensor, who will carry the real Olympic torch, is with youngsters taking part in a "mini Olympics" event at Dudley Leisure Centre, in Wellington Road

MORE than 90 children from Dudley schools competed in a mini-Olympics.

Teams of youngsters battled it out in events including balance beam, foam javelin, agility challenge, shot putt, throw and catch challenge and standing long jump.

The event was organised by Dudley College, inspired by 18-year-old student Ross Ensor being chosen to carry the Olympic

torch. Ross joined fellow students and staff to help coach pupils at Dudley Leisure Centre. Primary schools taking part were Bramford in Coseley, Brickhouse and Rowley Hall, Rowley Regis, Tivdale's Oakham Primary, Milking Bank and St Joseph's Catholic Primary, Dudley, Alder Coppice and Cotwall End, Sedgley, Cotwall End and The Glynne in Kingswinford.

## Uneaten hospital meals cost £209,000

THOUSANDS of meals are being sent back uneaten by hospital patients in Dudley, costing the NHS around £209,000 last year, according to latest figures.

Across the West Midlands and Staffordshire, more than £890,000 is being wasted on uneaten meals.

New menus are now being introduced or meals reviewed at some hospitals in the region to reduce wasted food.

Bosses at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital said they were now looking "into options for alternative methods of the delivery of patient meals."

Figures from the NHS Information Centre for Health and Social Care showed six per cent out of 821,000 meals served last year by The Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust – which runs Russells Hall – were wasted, costing around £209,000 during 2010/11.

Meanwhile just over nine per cent of the 983,895 meals served by Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust were thrown away at a cost of £227,466 during the same time and 15 per cent of meals were sent back out of the £48,100 served in Wolverhampton at a cost of £365,107. Wasted food has increased compared to 2009/10 in the region overall, according to figures released for 2009/10.

## Mosque row court date

A BID to buy back land earmarked for a controversial £6 million mosque and community centre in the Black Country will go back before the High Court in London on March 27.

Dudley Muslim Association has submitted new papers in a bid to block council plans to buy the site.

Council bosses managed to get many of the group's arguments thrown out at a court hearing which was held in November.

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## Link road to be ready by end of year

A LONG-AWAITED link road connecting three of the Black Country's biggest tourist attractions will be completed by the end of the year.

Plans to link Dudley Zoo, the Black Country Living Museum and Dudley Canal Trusts part of a £10 million project have been in the pipeline since 2006. Dudley's regeneration boss Angus Adams said the road will "be open to the public by December. Work is due to

start in the coming weeks on part of the site after construction of the new archives centre next door to the museum begins later in February.

The project also includes a new joint entrance and visitor centre for the attractions so people can pay to access all the sites together.

A new road will also run between the museum and zoo, while a car park with up to 1,000 spaces will cater for all the sites. The road will

run from near the former Trading Post premises in Castle Hill to the back of the museum in nearby Tipton Road.

It will also provide access to Dudley Canal Trust at the back of the museum.

The plans became a reality when a bid for £4.5m of European funding was approved last year. Councillor Adams said today: "It will definitely be finished and open for the public

by the end of the year. It is great news for the town. Work is moving forward and though we do not have a definite start date, the other parts of the project such as the archives are progressing well."

The plans have been previously held back by a lack of funding and nearby roadworks at the Burnt Tree junction and the new Tesco.

Restoration work will get under way in May at the zoo.

## £93,000 rent bill on empty offices

A BLACK COUNTRY office block left empty for more than two years has cost the council almost £93,000 in rent. Now bosses say it will be filled within weeks.

Workers from Sandwell's youth offending team are due to start moving into the offices at Unity Walks, Tipton Shopping Centre, in the last week of this month after a £290,000 revamp.

The move comes after it was announced bosses spent £92,952 on rent on the premises while it lay unused from October 2009.

The spending was despite bosses having to save £75million by 2015.

Councillor Ian Jones, the authority's jobs and economy chief, said: "The targeted youth support service is moving to Unity Walks by the end of next month as part of the council's office accommodation project.

"That project will mean a year on year saving of about £1.6m." Figures released under the Freedom of Information Act showed Sandwell spent £61,969.50 on closed units at Tipton Shopping Centre in the last six months of 2009-10, and the whole of 2010-11. By the time chiefs fill the units, the rent bill will be £92,954.25.

## Talks over road safety

URGENT talks will be held after a spate of crashes on a Black Country road sparked fears someone could be seriously injured.

Highways chiefs and the emergency services will try to find a solution after there were more than 30 accidents in Oldnall Road, Wollescote, Stourbridge over the last three months.

Drivers say the carriage-way needs to be relaid and they claim it is difficult to stay in control.

Dudley Council has already vowed to carry out tests on the road to see if an anti-skid surface is needed.

## Comedy thriller

A MIDLAND theatre group will be staging a self-penned comedy thriller later this month.

Hagley Theatre Group is performing The Social Circle, penned by David Knowlton, at Hagley Community Centre. It runs from February 9 to 11 at 7.30pm.

## £1.1m car cloning gang are given prison terms

A criminal gang that sold stolen luxury cars in a £1.1 million can have been handed prison sentences totalling 32 years. Forged paperwork was used to sell 45 vehicles stolen in burglaries around the Midlands.

## Emotional plea from family to mum's killer

THE FAMILY of murdered Betty Yates have made an emotional appeal to her killer to hand themselves in.

Speaking publicly for the first time about the tragedy, her son and daughter said they were "completely bewildered" as to why anyone would want to hurt their mother.

The 77-year-old was beaten with her own walking stick and stabbed in the neck at her home, off Dowles Road, Bewdley, before she was discovered on January 4.

Daughter Hazel Costello and son David Yates said they had been left "devastated" by their loss.

"This has been such a hard time for us - to lose your mum is always dreadful but to lose your mum like this when you worry constantly about how frightened she must have been or what she might have felt during such a vicious attack is like a nightmare," Hazel said.

"At the moment we don't know if it was a burglary or if there was another reason."

They appealed to anyone who might know anything about the murder to contact police immediately.

The scam prompted a two-year-long investigation by three forces including Staffordshire Police.

Cloned number plates and chassis were added to cars such as Mercedes, BMWs and Audis. The crime only came to light when unwitting new owners tried to register the cars with the DVLA.

The car cloning ring netted profits of £400,000 in two years. Seven men pleaded guilty at Birmingham Crown Court to conspiracy to conceal, disguise or convert criminal property.

Brothers James and John Sheen and Philip and Robert Blair were all jailed.

Mark Allman, Edward Pines, Christopher Edwards and Paul Candelent were also sentenced.

## Brother

James Sheen, aged 27, and brother John, 23, both of Shinfield, Reading, were both jailed for eight years.

Philip Blair, aged 32, of Catshill Road, Brownhills, was jailed for five years and six months while brother Robert, aged 23, of Parkside Road, Halesowen, was sentenced to five years and two months.

Christopher Edwards, aged 25, of Vernon Avenue, in Brownhills, was given two years and nine months.

Paul Candelent, aged 31, of Rainscar, Tamworth, was jailed for two years and six months, while Edward Pines, aged 46, of Marsh Farm, Luton, received a one-year suspended sentence.

Skip lorry driver Mark Allman, aged 47, formerly of Bolton Way, Bloxwich, got a one-year suspended sentence for money laundering.

## Students' Olympian task



Georgia Rowley, of High Arcal School, Masie Oliver, of Wordsley, Jack Lawrence, of High Arcal, Laura Rotcliffe, of Dormston, and Taran Sohal, of High Arcal

Pupils have been busy in Sedgley devising ways to celebrate this summer's Olympics.

A number of schools have come together to form the Dudley School Council, which was hosted for the first time at High Arcal School in Sedgley.

Teachers have tasked the students with dreaming up ways to mark the sporting

occasion in the borough. They want the project to be the first in a long-term partnership between the schools to promote the community and work more closely together. Among those taking part were Crestwood School in Kingswinford, Ellowes Hall in Gornal, Castle High in Dudley and Dormston School in Sedgley.

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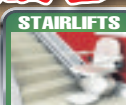
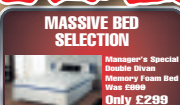
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## Fire cuts hit safety says MP

ONE of Dudley's MPs says government cuts to the Midlands fire service budget are putting public safety at risk due.

Dudley North MP Ian Austin raised the issue in the House of Commons last week to Fire Minister Bob Neill.

His words come after claims Dudley fire station may lose one engine and have its Targeted Response Vehicle replaced by a Brigade Response Vehicle – an adapted Range Rover.

Mr Austin said West Midlands Fire Service is facing cuts at twice the national average while areas like Cheshire, Essex and Hampshire will actually receive more money.

The minister agreed to meet with Mr Austin, colleagues and the fire authority to discuss the funding arrangements.

"The Conservatives promised that front-line services would be safeguarded, yet fire services are being cut back and public safety is being put at risk as a result of central Government cuts," said Mr Austin.

"The way the Government has allocated funding penalises the West Midlands and the system for deciding funding must be reviewed."

## Honour for baby group

A BLACK Country support group set up to help families of premature babies has won a national award.

Dudley Borough Bliss Family Group has won the Bliss annual Support Group of the Year award at the Mother & Baby Big Heart Awards.

Mums Joanne Weston from Stourbridge and Christina Nicholls, from Brierley Hill, who started the group in 2009, and volunteer and group organiser Rebecca Cottingham, from Pensnett, were presented with the award at the Park Lane Hilton, London.

## Homeless help

A NEW service to help homeless young people in Wyre Forest has been launched. Councillor Julian Phillips officially opened the Stonham young persons' drop-in service at the Stonham Park Lane project in Kidderminster last week. The centre is open from 11.30am to 3.30pm on Monday, Wednesday and

# Residents' dossier of concerns on estate

A DOSSIER of concerns has been drawn up by residents who are fearful a local beauty spot will be lost when a new housing development is finished in Halesowen.

St Modwen is building a clubhouse, cricket pitch and bowling green on the Coombeswood Green Wedge, off Stewarts Road.

The new base, which will replace Coombeswood Sports and Social Club in Coombes Road, is almost complete.

But locals fear the area will be ruined – and they are concerned promises made

by the developers will fall through. New footpaths were promised along the green wedge for walkers to use the site but local resident Roy Burgess says he fears the plans have been reduced.

### Littering

The dossier claims historic pathways have been closed off, littering and fly tipping have risen, vehicles are being allowed to cause havoc and decades of previous preservation work has been undone within months.

It adds how trees, which were thought

to be protected, have been pulled down as St Modwen "prematurely started" building apartments and houses.

Residents will appear at Dudley Council's Local Access Forum on February 14 to raise their concerns.

Mr Burgess said: "The stark reality of modern mundane dense development replacing a green haven in a sea of industry and other uninspiring built developments is becoming a reality."

"We must look to the promises given as compensations for any glimmer of salvation from the monotony of the deteriorat-

ing character of yet another area of Halesowen." Ian Romano, the senior development surveyor at St Modwen, said: "St Modwen is fully aware of its obligations as a result of gaining planning permission for this site."

### Discharge

"We are committed to building lasting relationships with the communities in which we work and will continue to work with the local authority to discharge all obligations."

# Traders victorious in battle to rethink plans for market

Traders have won their battle for a rethink on plans for a £6 million revamp of Dudley's historic market place. Council planners are now going back to the drawing board.

by Heather Large

Planners at Dudley Council will now have to create new designs for the stalls following talks with stallholders.

More than 3,000 traders and shoppers have signed a petition against original proposals.

Some traders felt they would not provide enough storage or shelter. In the plans the market place would be revamped.

New stalls with canopies would be installed.

The number of stalls would be reduced from the current 74 pitches but space would be provided so temporary stalls could be brought in on busy days.

Repair work would be carried out on the fountain while the Duncan Edwards statue would be moved to the opposite end of the market place.

Trader Len Lenihan, who runs a furnishings store on the market, said: "The market traders are supportive of the general layout proposed and those at the meeting nominated a small working group to work with the council in

developing the detailed design."

Councillor Malcolm Davis, who has backed the traders, said: "We have achieved what we set out to do by getting the council to listen to what the traders had to say and what they wanted done."

Regeneration member, Councillor Angus Adams, said more detailed designs would now be drawn up.

### Liaising

"We have been committed to liaising with, listening to and acting upon the discussions we have had with market traders since the start of the consultation process."

"The market traders are vital in the future design of the stalls and at tonight's meeting we were all very keen to hear what they had to say and were committed to taking their comments and feedback on board."

"I'm delighted that we are in a position to move forward."



Curator Matt Lewis feeds the penguins after the pool has been cleaned out

## Petulant penguins put out at pool clean

IF THE penguins are putting over their pool then it must be "Grumpy Thursday" for the belligerent birds at Dudley Zoo – as they hate having their home cleaned.

The weekly big clean takes place every Thursday and, although the colony of more than 60 rate Humboldt penguins have access to gallons of drinking water, they don't like being without their pool while it is drained and scrubbed down to keep it clean and well maintained.

The petulant penguins have been known to snap at staff and turn their backs up at all offers of fishy snacks until the pool is refilled.

The two hour-long cleaning routine is carried out by two keepers, and the pool is then refilled with clean icy water straight from the zoo's well.

The penguins can't wait to get back in the pool and splash around as soon as it fills up.

Senior curator Derek Grove said: "The water from the well is lovely and cold."

"We like to change it weekly because it gets muddy from the penguins' feet."

"A weekly change of water also prevents a build up of algae, but every week the penguins get grumpy about the pool being drained," he added.

## NEWS in brief

### Students put on college night-

A BLACK Country comedian will be providing the laughs at a night-out at Halesowen College.

It will be hosting its own Black Country night with traditional food and stand-up comedy from Ian "Sludge" Lees on February 9 from 6.45pm.

Students at the college's training restaurant have devised the night as part of their course. Head waitresses and sisters Becky and Kirsty Hawkin have helped and Becky said: "We have enjoyed planning this evening."

### Thanks to those who donated

GENEROUS residents helped 3,835 children across Dudley receive a gift, thanks to a borough-wide toy appeal.

The Dudley CVS Operation Santa 2011 appeal thanked all those who donated items.

Despite the current economic climate the number of donations was five times the total received in 2010.

The Foodbank central depot in Halesowen received 400 pump bags, including toys and selection boxes.

### Fish and fun at village's cabaret

A CABARET night will be staged by Hagley Rotary Club at the village's community centre on February 20.

Entertainment will be provided by comedian David Huband, and a fish and chips supper will be served at the event, which starts at 7pm. Last month the club donated £100 each to nine local charities, including Mary Stevens Hospice.

### Support group for fibromyalgia

A SUPPORT group has been set up for people in Halesowen with a debilitating condition.

People with fibromyalgia suffer from painful tender points on the body and extreme fatigue.

HAND (Halesowen and District) fibromyalgia will meet at the Little Cornbow in Halesowen. For details call 0844

### Stroke lessons

DUDLEY Stroke Association is planning to visit schools, clubs and workplaces to give talks on recognising strokes. They are now asking people to get in touch to learn more.

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VERNON Coleman's latest book lands on my desk. It has the snappy title: *Anyone Who Tells you Vaccines Are Safe and Effective is Lying, Here's The Proof* and proceeds to drive a cart and many horses through orthodox medicine.

Coleman is a former GP, born and educated in Walsall who now rages against the system. He has produced more than 100 books and makes claims which would get any doctor, nurse or consultant struck off for life.

If he's mad why isn't he in an asylum? If he's lying why is he not in court? If he's telling the truth, shouldn't we take him more seriously?

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SKY News presenter Colin Brazier has infuriated those of a sensitive nature by suggesting transportation as a means of dealing with Britain's 120,000 "problem families." His idea is to ship them off to the Sandwich Islands in the South Atlantic.

Now, I venture to suggest that Brazier is a kindly soul and does not really think any such thing but is merely being provocative in order to make a point about a big national issue.

The problem these days is that large numbers of Britons have lost all sense of humour and proportion and seem to delight in taking offence at anything.

Sure enough, The Howard League for Penal Reform solemnly responds to Brazier's view with: "There is a world of difference in the state intervening to improve troubled communities and the state intervening to deport our citizens to far-flung corners of the globe."

Well, of course there is. There is also a huge gap between wickedness and satire. Let us all get real.

**Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star**

# Region is hit hard by manufacturing losses

The West Midlands has been the worst hit region in the country in terms of loss of manufacturing jobs since the last recession, a new study claims.

The number employed in manufacturing fell by 119,000 from 426,000 in 2006-2007 to 307,000 in 2010-2011. Sandwell lost 11,300 over the same period while Walsall lost 6,300 jobs.

## Delight at scrap cash progress

A MIDLAND MP who campaigned for a change in the law to clamp down on metal thefts has told of his delight after it was taken up by the government.

Chris Kelly, Conservative MP for Dudley South, said a pledge by home secretary Theresa May to ban cash payments for scrap metal would "radically reduce" the problem of stolen manhole covers, railway cable and church roofs.

The home secretary is going to remove a £1,000 limit on fines and laws being introduced as part of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Bill would make it a criminal offence to pay for scrap metal in cash. Mr Kelly said: "It's going to radically reduce criminality."

Wolverhampton saw 5,200 jobs go and Dudley 2,700. Worcestershire saw a fall of 20,100 over the same period.

The Black Country has been particularly hard hit. In 2009 there were 69,000 employed in manufacturing, but the figure was half that of a decade earlier.

A raft of small businesses fell victim to the credit crunch and recession.

Job losses have continued in recent months with the closure of curtain walling and commercial windows maker Parry Bowen at Chasetown with the loss of 100 jobs in October.

### Recession

The study for the GMB union found manufacturing job losses have been running at almost 3,400 a week across the country, with 700,000 fewer posts since the recession.

Paul Kenny, general secretary of the GMB, said: "The Downing Street-led recession accelerated the haemorrhaging of jobs from UK manufacturing. In the UK as a whole the first four years of this recession have cost 706,300 manufacturing jobs."

## Zumbathon raises £1,600



Organiser of the "zumbathon" Karen Ryles, front right, with members of the fitness team who helped raise the cash hands over a cheque for £1,645 for Cancer Support

A THREE-HOUR "zumbathon" has raised more than £1,600 for a Dudley charity.

A team of 25 members from Body Tone in Tividale have handed over their sponsorship money to White House Cancer Support, Ednam Road.

Their fundraiser, organised by Karen Ryles, was held at Tesco Burnt Tree last

month and donations were also made on the day by shoppers visiting the store. A total of £1,645 was handed over. Cancer Support's manager Chris Barron thanked the team. "The money raised will go towards helping Cancer Support continue to provide practical help and emotional support to local families experiencing cancer," he said.

## Calls for action on towering waste tip

IT HAS caused concern for several months and now a mountain of rubbish in the Black Country has grown so tall it is towering over a nearby housing estate.

Residents in Brierley Hill are now pleading with environment bosses to take action against the waste management firm which runs the site off Moor Street.

It is managed by Refuse Derived Fuel Ltd and is close to the Honeybourne estate on the former Royal Brierley Crystal factory.

The firm shreds and dries solid waste, turning the household rubbish and industrial refuse into fuel. Residents say urgent action is needed to clean up the site. Stef Andrews, aged 20, lives in Bague Walk with her two-year-old daughter Maddie.

But she branded the mountain of waste an "eyesore". Fellow resident Emma Clayton, 21, added: "It's amazing that people live so close to it." Refuse Derived Fuel Ltd declined to comment.

## Meeting dates

TENANTS and residents groups will be meeting Dudley this month.

The first will be for the Vicarage Prospect group which hosts its meeting on February 8 at the Congregational Church, Himley Street, at 7.30pm. For further details of all meetings call 01384 815168.



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## Hopes on toilets go down pan

CAMPAIGNERS trying to get public toilets reopened across Dudley borough have been dealt a blow.

Councillor Patrick Harley confirmed there would be no U-turn in the council's policy.

Dudley Council closed several toilet blocks as the authority aims to find savings worth £150,000.

But St James's ward councillor Malcolm Davis says residents have now raised concerns about the closure plan.

Particular reference has been made to the closure of the Stafford Street block near the court building. The block had already closed before last year's plan had been put in place.

He said anti-social behaviour had been taking place at the toilet, yet it should not have been closed but managed better instead.

"It looks to me that the closing of conveniences in Dudley are convenient for the police, convenient for the council and ruling councillors but not for the people of Dudley," he said.

But Councillor Harley said the closed toilets were outdated, often targeted by vandals and under-used.

He added residents and ward councillors had been consulted about the plan.

## Victorian talk

HISTORIAN Tim Bridges will give a talk on Victorian and Edwardian buildings on February 15 at Halesowen Parish Church, Queensway at 8pm. Tickets cost £5.

# Sophisticated crime ring is smashed and gang jailed

A "highly organised" criminal ring from across the Midlands has been smashed and a gang jailed for its part in the robbery of a lorry driver who died following an ambush.

by Adam Burling

Bogdan Bartzak's dead body was dragged on to park land off Vale Road, Dudley after he collapsed when his lorry was being robbed.

Nine men were starting a total of more than 45 years behind bars after the 57-year-old was robbed of £250,000 of flat screen TVs before he died of a suspected heart attack.

Just three of the 227 sets have been traced.

Polish father Mr Bartzak had arrived in Dover on October 30, 2010 then drove to Oldbury, parking in Green Street that night. Seven of the men tried to steal the TVs at 9pm the following day - but Mr Bartzak warned them off.

However, they returned, this time intent on robbery, prosecutor Mr Michael Duck told Birmingham Crown Court.

Exactly what happened during the robbery - and how he ended up dumped on a road-side - may never be revealed.

In total seven were sentenced last week for their part in the robbery, while another two faced charges relating to other robberies and burglaries.

The defendants said Mr Bartzak's death was "unintended". Anthony Kennedy, aged 29, of Bourne Avenue, Tipton, was jailed for six-and-a-half years for robbery and 18 months for handling stolen goods.

Phillip Harthill, 31, of Turner Street, West Bromwich, got six and a half years for robbery and 18 months for burglary.

Neino Scarrett, 23, of New Road, Dudley, was given a five-and-a-half years for robbery and 18 months for handling stolen goods.

Daniel Knight, aged 28, of Wednesbury Oak Road, Tipton, got five years and six months for robbery and 18 months for handling stolen goods. Glen Garner, 24, of Beresford Crescent, West Bromwich, was jailed for five years for robbery and 18 months for burglary.

A 17-year-old, who cannot be named, got two years youth detention for robbery and a 12-month training order for handling stolen goods, to run concurrently.

Robert Warren, 33, of Oak Leasow, Quinton, was jailed for two years for attempted theft and 12 months for assisting an offender.

Craig Street, 48, of Bridges Crescent, Cannock, got 16 months for handling stolen goods.

Martin Payne, 31, of Bleak House Road, Oldbury, got 18 months for the burglary and two years seven months for burgling a house in Wolverhampton. All pleaded guilty.



Robbery victim - Bogdan Bartzak



Glen Garner - 6.5 years



Robert Warren - three years



Anthony Kennedy - jailed for eight years



Phillip Harthill - eight years prison



Daniel Knight - seven years



Neino Scarrett - seven years

## NEWS in brief

### Parking scheme will cost £12,000

CONTRVERSIAL parking regulations around Halesowen will cost £12,000 to implement, say highways bosses.

More than 1,000 people objected to plans for a raft of parking bans, one-way systems and waiting restrictions in the town.

The proposals were scaled back following public concerns. Dudley Council transport chief, Councillor Patrick Harley, is due to sign off the amended proposal on Monday. A report into the plans says the cost of the measures will be £12,000.

### Tenants' groups to host meetings

A SERIES of Tenants and residents associations meetings are being held this month. They begin on February 8 with a meeting of Dudley's Vicarage Prospect association.

It meets at the Congregational Church, Grange Road, at 7.30pm, followed the next day by Brierley Hill's Dudley Fields group at Brockmoor Community Centre from 7pm.

Bowling Green residents can get together on February 21 at Saltwells Education Centre from 7.30pm.

### Steel celebration

STAFF at a Swedish steel group have celebrated its 150th anniversary. Sandvik employs about 220 workers at Manor Way, Halesowen and more than 130 at a manufacturing unit in Featherstone, South Staffordshire.

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# Purse-snatcher chased down by passing runner

**TWO DRUG addicts who robbed a vulnerable 81-year-old woman as she walked along a Stourbridge street have been locked up.**

The woman was in The Broadway when Dean Huxley and Tara North approached her, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard. The pensioner was pushed off balance as her purse containing just £5 and some change was snatched. Just weeks later, Huxley stole a purse from an 85-year-old woman in Union Street, Stourbridge.

The court heard he laughed as he ran away but the woman called for help and a passing runner chased after 37-year-old Huxley and held him until police arrived. Judge Martin Walsh branded the crimes "utterly mean and despicable."

## Afraid

In a victim impact statement, the 81-year-old said she felt utterly distressed after the purse snatch, her confidence had suffered and she was now afraid to leave her home.

Huxley, of New Street, Dudley, admitted robbery and theft and was jailed for three years. North, 20 of Stickley Lane, Lower Gornal, pleaded guilty to robbery and was given two years in custody.

The offences were carried out to fuel their drug addiction and the two women were seen as "easy victims", Judge Walsh said.

Mr David Lees, prosecuting, said North had 47 previous offences and Huxley 39. Miss Samantha Powis, defending North, said she needed help to deal with her drug problem. Mr Malcolm Fowler, for Huxley, said he had been "desperate" for drugs.

## In the swim of things

YOUNGSTERS can splash out with an intensive beginners' swimming course at Dudley Leisure Centre. The centre is running a five-day swimming course from February 13 for beginners aged five and over. The sessions, which include tuition from qualified instructors, introduce children to water in a fun and relaxed way. Call the centre on 01384 812800.

## Jasmine celebrates life



Jasmine Page, aged 13, from Halesowen, celebrates one year on from her heart transplant with her mother Sandra, father Andy and brother Matthew

PLUCKY schoolgirl Jasmine Page will turn 14 in May – but she has been celebrating a different milestone last month, marking the day she gained a new lease of life.

The 13-year-old became the first child to receive a heart transplant at Birmingham Children's Hospital last January after collapsing at Windsor High School, Halesowen.

She has since had to endure a gruelling year of recovery and now cele-

brates two birthdays a year, one on her actual birthday and a second in to mark the anniversary of her life-saving operation. More than 100 family, friends and well-wishers joined her. Her relieved parents Sandra, aged 45, and father Andy, 47, said: "The last 12 months have been quite a journey for her. She needs to be careful but the point is she is here."

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## LETTERS

## No integrity is left in businesses now

IN RECENT letters, Mr. D. Bodley and Mr. Phillip Bowen seem to have experienced dissatisfaction with their insurers.

We have to accept the word "integrity" is no longer featured in the business dictionary. It has been replaced by the word "negotiation".

The coin phrase "get rid of integrity and the rest is a piece of cake" has been adopted by many institutions and they are willing to extract out of us, as much of our "hard-earned" as they can. This is difficult for people of a certain age, including myself, to understand, but we have to adapt to current market practices.

Firstly, if we receive a premium increase which we think is excessive, we do not need to contact the issuing company asking why there has been an increase.

It is of no interest to us so we have to do our homework and formulate a cunning plan of our own before making contact.

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premium to an amount which corresponds to the lowest quote on the comparison site.

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## The French should be paying out

FIRST of all may I say I don't believe any woman should live in fear of the health risks due to the faulty PIP implants, it was not their fault.

However, our badly stressed health service should not be left to pick up the bill. Nowhere in the reports have I seen any mention of where the French government stand on the issue, Poly Implant Prosthesis, whose owner is in hiding - and facing manslaughter charges was a French company, and came under the control of the French government.

Therefore as the company has folded the French government should be paying compensation to the victims.

**RON GWILLIAMS**  
Brierley Hill

## Thanks to vets for their caring

I WOULD like to thank the Connaught Veterinary Hospital, Wolverhampton, for the care and dedication they have given to my six month old kitten.

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## Fantastic is the word for Grease production

I AM not a parent or relative of anyone at The High Arcal School, Sedgley but feel compelled to write and praise the staff and students at the school for the current production of 'Grease'.

I was fortunate to be there on the first night of three. The quality of production, casting and performance was brilliant and the school band played all the accompanying score. I understand the school has recently converted to Academy status and hope this means music and performance at the school will continue to develop as this is so important to a rounded education. Watching and enjoying last night made me feel really happy. A fantastic, entertaining evening. Thank you High Arcal.

**MRS J BEARDSMORE**  
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## Who is qualified to diagnose back pain?

AS A LONG-term sufferer of lower back pain (my "facet joints" have crumbled), I feel very strongly about people who are "harassed" about this condition. At 72, I am retired and have no fears from the "snoops", but please, please can I put forward my views on this?

Are the "snoops" who follow "back pain claimants" legally or medically trained? If they are "legals" then they will eventually feel their own back problems caused by carrying heavy briefcases. My own condition means I cannot stand for long periods. Neither can I lift weighty objects unless I am prepared to suffer the consequences.

Most of the time when out walking with my wife, our pace is regulated by me - with my stick. But, she occasionally has to ask me to slow down. The "medics" can possibly explain this, but the "legals" would have no idea. Other than if I was claiming benefits, they would get them stopped and sue me. Me? This morning is painful, and I will be hoping that painkillers work.

**PETER COLE**  
Kingswinford

## Fairness question on MPs' pensions

I HAVE just received a reply from the Information Office at the House of Commons concerning the pensions available for MPs.

I am informed that their pensions are based upon a "final salary" calculation with actual amounts dependent upon their level of contribution.

My pension, as an ex-headteacher, is based upon my average salary over the last three years of service with contributions over 40 years.

The latest proposal for the new scheme for working people is based upon the average contributions over a working lifetime, I believe.

If I have read it right it seems a trifle unfair that MPs should receive such an obvious financial blessing.

What do you think?  
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# First residents welcome £7m retirement village

It may have a cabaret room, hairdressing salon, gym and games room. But this is no five-star hotel.

The wraps have finally come off the new £7 million retirement village in Coseley, where the first residents are now settling in.

Made up of 72 modern apartments, the Midland Heart retirement complex has been officially unveiled.

The complex has transformed a site in Whitehouse Street where the former Coseley Youth Centre and Wallbrook House care home once stood. The extra

care complex aims to give support to elderly people while allowing them to live independently.

Residents aged from 55 up into their 100s have been moving into the Coseley development over the past few weeks but the centre has only recently become fully functional.

## Active

Anthony Richards, 68, and his 63-year-old wife Barbara moved into the development a few weeks ago from Chatwins Wharf, in Tipton. They admitted being sceptical at first so joined the Midland Heart's Founders group. It is formed by members of the community interested in finding out more about the development. The

Founders group take an active role in the decision-making process from choosing the name, through to decorations and daily activities. Mrs Richards said they found being involved from the very beginning helped them eventually decide to move in.

"We are so pleased we decided to move here as it has changed our lives. We feel more secure and safe and we feel there is a real community here and always someone to speak to," she added.

Head of Services, Sara Beamand, said extra care housing was an extension to housing schemes offered.

She said it would work with existing care homes and was not deemed as a replacement for all residential care.



May Fisher, aged 101, chats to manager Dawn Allen



Residents Anthony and Barbara Richards in the gym



The games room at the site in Whitehouse Street

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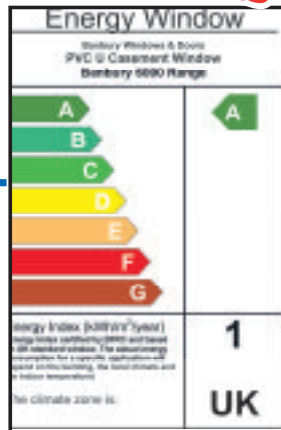
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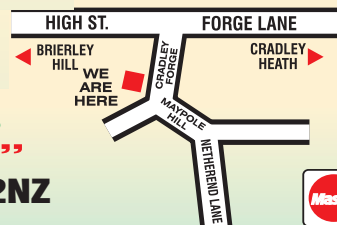
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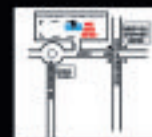
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# 130 drivers caught with windows illegally tinted

## Hippy steps into TV semis



Hippy-Joe Weston is through to the semi-finals of TV's Got To Dance

A TEENAGE dancer who dreams of appearing in the West End has made it through to the live semi-finals of TV talent show Got To Dance.

Hippy-Joe Weston, aged 14, who attends Windsor High School, Halesowen, beat dozens of other hopefuls to secure her spot.

She is one of 30 acts who were impressed enough to be put through

to the semi-finals on February 19.

The GCSE student found out when the show's host Davina McCall visited her school to surprise her in a maths lesson.

Hippy-Joe, who has her own website, said: "My dream is to be spotted by someone from a top full time dance and drama school and be offered a scholarship."

MORE than 130 motorists have been caught driving cars with illegal tinted windows during a four-month crackdown carried out by police in Halesowen.

Officers from the town's police station have been stopping drivers following complaints by residents about motorists who are flouting the law.

Sgt Martin Hall, from Halesowen Police, said cars with tinted windows can be linked to crime and anti-social behaviour and often cause people to be concerned.

The law says 75 per cent of light should be able to get through the front windscreen and 70 per cent of light through the front side windows.

The rules on tinted windows don't apply to the rear windscreen or the rear passenger windows. Police use light-measuring equipment to gauge tints on cars.

Sgt Martin Hall said more than 130 drivers had been stopped and had volunteered to remove their tinted windows.

"Officers based at Halesowen Police Station have been busy enforcing road traffic legislation in and around Halesowen," he said.

"This is as a result of complaints from our local communities being voiced at the local Pact meetings regarding a perceived fall in driving standards locally and the blatant flouting of basic traffic laws involving the use of mobile phones, speeding and more later, heavily tinted windows."

"The feedback from local residents and counsellors is extremely positive, the vast majority fully supporting the proactive action taken."

## Family history surgery

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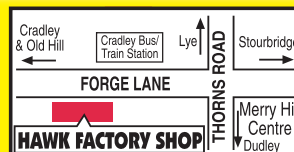
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A nailmaker in her Bromsgrove home from the early 1900s



Mary Millet, museum guide/demonstrator weighing a loaf of bread



Bessie Hawkes, museum guide/demonstrator toasting bread.



Bessie Hawkes, Black Country Living Museum guide/demonstrator stirring the mixture.

# Grandma cooked clever to make the bostin' fittle which fed the family

*Fiona Carding of The Black Country Living Museum looks at how grandma used to provide for the family*

**ONE THIRD** of food produced worldwide is lost or wasted annually, Jose Graziano da Silva, the director general of the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization, told a gathering of ministers at the weekend.

This amounts to a staggering 1.3 billion metric tons of food each year!

Despite today's austere times the message "waste not, want not" has yet to impact upon the UK's throwaway society. If we cast our minds back one 100 years we discover how our grandmothers, together with some creative thinking, made a little go a long way.

In 1914 most families spent 60 per cent of

their income on food. By 1935 this had dropped to just 35 per cent. Today, despite our perception that food costs have actually risen, they now take up just 11 per cent of the average family's income.

Seasonality was the key to determining what went on the 1900s dinner table. Growing vegetables and keeping livestock was common in the Black Country and in 1910 some produce, such as grapes, oranges, bananas and dates, had started to become available through imports.

Clare Weston, Curator of Domestic and Cultural Life said: "Factory food production grew in the nineteenth century and into the twentieth century. Palethorpes of Tipton were known nationally for their meat produce; especially their sausages. An

average worker at the factory earned just 6 shillings (30p) a week in the early 1920s."

Families would be creative with their recipes, making use of scraps. Groaty Pudding was a dish cooked commonly in the Black Country. Cheap and cheerful, it was a popular for Bonfire night, eaten with jacket potatoes that had been thrown into the fire.

Lindsey Butler, Team Leader, Domestic Life said: "Groats would be soaked in a bowl first. You would usually add about 1/2lb groats to 1lb of meat.

The meat added would often be cheaper cuts of meat or scraps that a butcher would almost be giving away.

Leeks would be added with even the green part of the vegetable going in the pot to avoid waste. An onion and sometimes a potato would be added to help thicken it up.

Stock would be added and from 1910 Oxo cubes became available. Salt was bought in large blocks, often from families of travellers, and a small amount would be cut to add seasoning.

Four to five hours later you'd have an

inexpensive yet hearty meal that would keep you going for hours."

Other dishes included chitlings, pig's intestines, and tripe, stews, broths made from bone, grey peas and bacon, fish heads and parsley sauce.

Taking a leaf out of our grandmother's cookbook just goes to show that being frugal with our food doesn't have to mean going without, it just means cooking cleverly.

**Recipe for Bread Pudding courtesy of 'Bostin' Fittle' by Pat Purcell**

1 lb stale bread  
8 oz grated suet  
2 oz sugar  
1 teaspoon mixed spice  
6 oz dried fruit  
1 egg

Soak the bread in water till soft. Squeeze to remove as much water as possible. Break up the bread with a fork, add the suet, sugar, spice and dried fruit and mix well. Stir in the beaten egg and put in a greased tin.

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## Store finally bags top bike gear deal

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Moto GP stars such as Valentino Rossi and Jorge Lorenzo have worn Dainese overalls during races and the company's 2012 range will now be available at Streetbike.

The store has recently been modified to accommodate the range, with a new entrance and changing rooms.

A spokesman for Streetbike said: "Our customers deserve better than a cold, draft-ridden warehouse or a space crammed so full you can't see what you're looking for."

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## Michelle has her cake



Michelle Guarini launched Bella's Cupcakes from her home



Michelle with a cake she made for Olly Murs

COOKING up success is a piece of cake for a Stourport mother-of-four who bakes up tasty treats for the stars.

Michelle Guarini launched Bella's Cupcakes from her home in November 2010 after deciding to turn her hobby into a profession. And the 40-year-old, of Britannia Gardens, has cooked up a storm ever since catering for singers such as Olly Murs, Pixie Lott and boy-band JLS.

Mrs Guarini started baking as a hobby two years ago and her creations quickly became popular with friends and relatives. Before long, orders were coming in for her to provide the cakes for birthdays, weddings and other occasions as the reputation of her baking grew. She decided to leave her job at a Birmingham law firm and devote herself to baking full-time and launched Bella's Cupcakes.

It is named after her eldest daughter, 12-year-old Isabella, who helps out with the baking. Her siblings Leo, eight, Max, seven, and five-year-old Eva enjoy tasting the creations.

## Library is offering wide range of events

A WORCESTERSHIRE library is staging a diverse range of events this month, including activities for artists and health checks.

Anyone interested in finding out more about art is invited to a coffee morning at the library on February 4 between 10.30am and noon. Residents will be told how they can get involved in a community art project, which is funded by the Arts Council of Worcestershire.

At the third event, people aged 50 and over can attend an eye check-up session, called Eyes Right, on February 9. The event is being run by Sight Concern Worcestershire.

Age UK will be holding their next monthly session on February 14 from 10am until 12.30pm. And there will be a composting clinic on February 14 from 1pm until 4.30pm, offering advice and guidance for the perfect compost.

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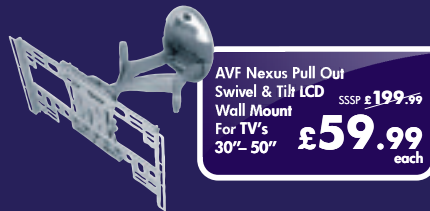
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### Challenge to young speakers

#### K'MINSTER SOROPTIMISTS

KIDDERMINSTER & District Soroptimists are calling for budding young public speakers to enter the 10th public speaking competition organised by Midland Arden Region Soroptimists.

Dudley Council Chambers, in Priory Road, Dudley, is the venue on Saturday, March 24.

An invitation has been extended to local schools to encourage students aged 14-18 to participate and be sponsored by the Kidderminster Soroptimists.

There is a prize of £150 for the overall winner plus a trophy for the school for one year. The second prize is £75 and the third is £25. Each participant will receive a certificate of achievement and a £25 book voucher from the sponsoring club.

The closing date is February 15 and details can be obtained from Stephanie Ainsley on 01562 632 889 or by email at [kidderminster.sorop@gmail.com](mailto:kidderminster.sorop@gmail.com).

At the January meeting, Soroptimists heard from Home-Start Co-ordinator, Claire Howard on the work this charity does providing support and friendship to families in Wyre Forest.

Ninety volunteers have been welcomed into 178 families over the past year.

Members were delighted to hear that their donations had provided for a day out at Weston-Super-Mare in the summer and a Santa Safari at Christmas.

## CLUB NEWS

### Club hands £400 to hospice team



Harold Foster, right, presents cheques for £400 to Simon Cater and Sally Woods, fundraisers for Compton Hospice, after his year as Probud president

PROBUS Club of Wednesfield was pleased to welcome Mr Simon Cater and Ms Sally Woods from Compton Hospice, Wolverhampton.

The president's charity for 2011 raised a total of £400, and the immediate past president, Harold Foster, and Probud members had great pleasure in presenting the cheques to Simon and Sally at the club's January meeting.

Best wishes were expressed for their future fundraising and for the hospice.

#### PROBUS CLUB WEDNESFIELD

Simon and Sally spoke of the work at Compton Hospice, and the help they can give patients, carers and relatives.

A further presentation was made to Arthur Windsor to show the Probud club's appreciation for more than 22 years in office as treasurer.

### Annual sub raised to £25

OWING to increases in certain areas, the annual subscription will be raised to £25, due in February, and the monthly attendance fee to £1.30 from March.

The arts and crafts group will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Monday in the month from 2pm-4pm.

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venues and times, and "Tea and Talents" will meet on the 3rd Monday of the month from 2pm-4pm.

There followed much discussion on how, this year, to celebrate the annual dinner – or should it be an outing?

A vote on this will take place at the next meeting.

The minutes secretary has announced her retirement and a replacement must be found – also a new committee member, both to be settled at the AGM in March.

Proceeds from the Cobden Street Church carols have been sent to children's charity "Little Hearts Matter".

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### First stage nears end

THE FIRST stage of a project to revamp parts of Wyre Forest is almost complete.

Work to demolish maisonettes in Kidderminster to make way for new homes is expected to be finished soon.

The Community Housing Group is knocking down five maisonette blocks and building 97 apartments and houses off Hurcott Road, at the junction with Stourbridge Road. Kier Partnership Homes intend to build 22 two-bedroom houses, 18 three bedroom, 11 four bedroom and 46 two bedroom flats, on the same site.

# Pigeon problem netted

**NETS have been put up to protect new glass shelters at the £7million Stourbridge bus station from becoming perches for pigeons.**

Designers of the interchange realised the new glass walling on the shelters could form a tempting spot for the birds to gather.

Experts were called to the site to find the best way of protecting the new stands and work has now been carried out. Staff from Eco Environmental Services have installed harmless anti-bird netting to bird-proof the shelters.

The netting stops birds landing on the shelters but causes them no harm in the process.

There are 11 upgraded stands at the station. Each is fitted with automatic doors which open when the bus arrives.

The protective measures are among the latest works at the development which is rapidly taking shape in Foster Street East.

Work has been ongoing on the new interchange since the old outdated bus station was closed in October 2010.

#### Construction

The station is due for completion by the spring. Much of the work, including construction of the frame, roof and walls, on the main bus station building was completed at the end of last year.

A firm date has not yet been set for when the site will open but bosses from transport authority Centro said the

development was on schedule.

Spokesman Ed McDonald, of contractors Interserve, said he was pleased the measures are now in place.

"The project to protect the shelters has been challenging and Eco Environmental Services have been very innovative and flexible in their approach to the works," he said.

Centro spokesman Steve Swingle added: "The bird deterrent measures are an integral part of the station's design and they have now been installed.

"These are necessary to help maintain a clean environment for passengers and keep the interchange looking smart and attractive."

# MP counting on Daylight Saving Bill going forward

AN MP has voiced his support for moving the clocks forward by one hour, despite a bill failing to get through the House of Commons.

Chris Kelly, MP for Dudley South, backed the Daylight Saving Bill, which received its third reading in the House of Commons on Friday, January 20.

It would have commissioned a detailed study into the costs and benefits of moving the clocks forward to Greenwich Mean Time plus one hour in the winter and two in the summer, followed by a possible three-year trial.

Despite Government support for the study, the proposal faced opposition from a determined group of MPs who believed the extra hour of darkness in the morning

would cause problems, particularly in the north.

Opposition saw the Daylight Saving Bill fail to make progress following a series of votes.

Mr Kelly said: "The arguments in favour of clock change are compelling. This one simple low-cost policy could bring wide ranging benefits to the whole of the UK including saving lives on our roads, creating much needed jobs in the tourism sector and reducing the fear of crime on dark evenings."

Opponents fear some parts of the country will not get light until as late as 9am.

But supporters argue that lighter evenings would save lives on the roads during the late rush hour.

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FROM speedway racing to scenic winter views, keen amateur photographers in the Black Country are showcasing the best of their work.

Hundreds of pictures are being showcased in the annual exhibition by Dudley Camera Club.

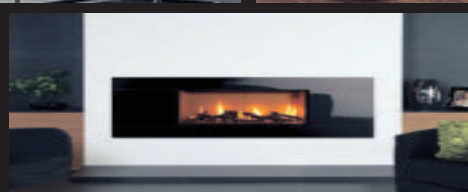
Around 180 photographs adorn the walls of Dudley Museum and Art Gallery while a further 126 are projected onto a large screen.

Club secretary Eric Broadbent says members always look forward to displaying their work.

"We hope as many people as possible will come and have a look," said the 82-year-old from Halesowen.

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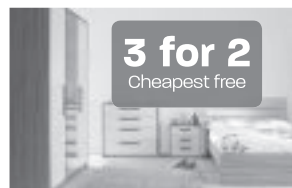
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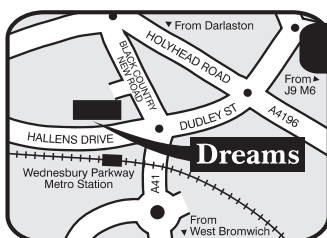
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# Pub offers free parking to beat Baggeridge hike

**A PUB landlord will let people use his car park for free after charges at a nearby country park increased by 78 per cent.**

The price hike being introduced at Baggeridge Country Park, near Sedgley, has left ramblers and dog walkers furious and sparked fears for the future of a tea shop there.

But owner of the nearby Summer House pub John Coombes said visitors to the beauty spot could use his 80-space car park free in winter months.

He insisted they do not have to use the pub in Gospel End Road.

South Staffordshire Council has put up the cost of a day's parking from £1.40 to £2.50. An hour's parking rate has been introduced, costing £1.50.

## Threatened

At nearby Himley Hall parking is 90p for two hours or £1.30 all day.

Visitors have threatened to boycott the country park, while Dave Daly, aged 41, and his wife, Julie, 42, who run the Baggeridge Tea Shop, are worried about the future of their business.

Mr Coombes, 57, said: "It is a complete rip-off and we are quite happy to let people use our car park during the winter. Hopefully that will help them make the council realise that people are not willing to pay these prices."

"I know Dave and Julie, they're a great couple and they don't deserve this. It's difficult enough for businesses at the moment so we need to help each other out when we can." The council blamed the hikes on "tough times".

## Swim lessons at centre

STOURBRIDGE'S Crystal Leisure Centre, Bell Street is offering 30-minute swimming sessions and tuition from qualified instructors for children aged four months to four-years and their parents. Sessions run on Tuesdays 9.45am and 10.15am and Wednesdays and Thursdays at 2pm and 2.30pm.

## Pupils create a cash cow



Pupil Jahset Henry, aged eight, and classmates at Jessons CE Primary in Dudley create a copper coin cow to raise money for charity

PUPILS at a Dudley school have donated cash for a charity which helps poor families in Africa buy cows to provide food or launch their own businesses selling produce.

More than 70 youngsters at Jessons CE Primary were asked to bring in any change they could spare to contribute to the fund.

Children were asked to place all of the money they had raised inside a cow shape drawn out on the school playground to mark the end of their fundraising project.

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## Steel company set to reduce stocks in town

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The company says it will restock at the Pensnett Road site once market demand improves.

"Essar is committed to the UK steel market, which it sees as having a lot of potential in the long-term, and is committed to the business and employees at Dudley," said spokesman Andrew Turpin.

"New products and stocks will be brought in due course and as market demand improves."

Weak market conditions have pushed some steel producers in Britain and western Europe to shut down operations. Essar UK has processed steel at a 300,000 tons a year rate in the last few months and has the capacity of 500,000 tons.

## In cider trading, and all that Jas



Jas Bains at his shop in Netherton which is shortlisted for an award in the Cider Retailer of the Year contest. TRADITIONAL friendly service and a wide selection of drinks have put a Netherton shop in the running for the Independent Cider Retailer of the Year award.

Bains Wines has been shortlisted for the national prize on February 7 after impressing judges with its offering of more than 60 ciders.

The shop, run by Jas Bains, aged 35, has been in business in Halesowen Road since 1986. Last year Mr Bains moved to bigger premises in the same street.

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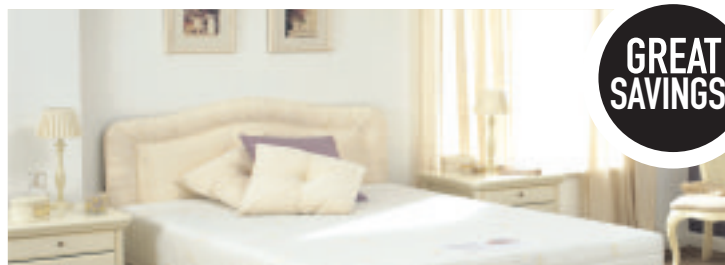


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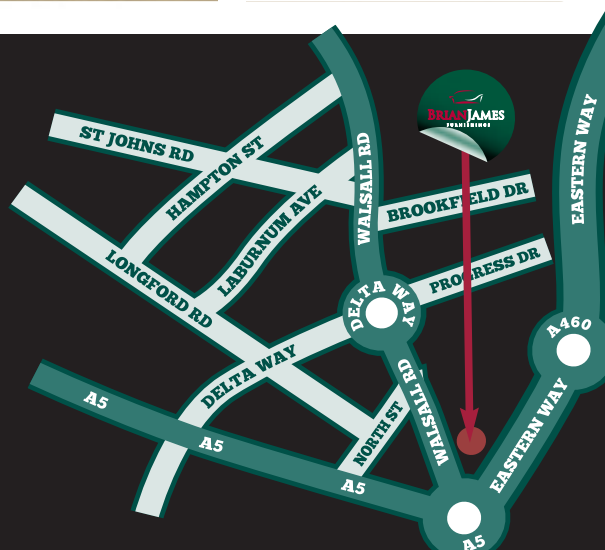
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## Crackdown warning as flytippers evade capture

**THOUSANDS** of complaints are being made about fly-tipping in the West Midlands region – but only a fraction are being caught.

Figures show more than 6,000 piles of rubbish have been found over the past year, with 30 prosecutions by councils, who have vowed to continue their crackdown.

The authorities say it is difficult to track down those responsible, especially as the rubbish is often left miles from their homes.

Those caught have been warned they could face court bills of thousands of pounds.

In Dudley eight people have been prosecuted since April, and there were 548 incidents during that period. In 2010-11 a total of 20 people were prosecuted out of 817 reports.

There have been 253 incidents in South Staffordshire since last April, resulting in seven prosecutions.

### Caution

In 2011 at neighbouring Sandwell, there were 2,726 reported incidents of fly-tipping, with five prosecutions, compared with 3,189 reports in 2010 and one formal caution.

Sandwell Council's cabinet member for neighbourhood services Councillor Derek Rowley said: "The only time we can trace the culprit is when they throw away household stuff which includes letters and bills with their address on."

Wolverhampton City Council dealt with 2,748 incidents in 2011, with 10 people being prosecuted. The number of reports in 2010 was 3,669 when there were 13 prosecutions.

### Dickens of a talk on BBC

MIKE Dickens will give a talk entitled "Sounds of the Decades: The BBC in World War II" at Kingswinford Library on February 15.

The event is part of Dudley Libraries' Local History Talks series. It will be held in the meeting room and starts at 2.30pm.

Entry is £1 or £2 for non-members. For more details, call 01384 812740.

### Christian centre opens



**Caleb Childe, aged eight, and Maisy Neale, 10, cut the ribbon at the new Hasbury Christian Fellowship with senior church leader Leslie Hardwick**

A NEW £300,000 chapel and community centre has been officially opened in Halesowen.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony and a service of dedication marked the opening of Hasbury Christian Fellowship, Albert Road.

The ribbon was cut by senior church leader Leslie Hardwick, who has been a member for more than 40 years, as well as young parishioners

Caleb Childe, aged eight, and Maisy Neale, aged 10.

The building replaces the 1938 chapel and it is now being used by worshippers and community groups. Work began on the scheme in May and church services were held in the nearby hall while the construction took place. The chapel has a community and worship area, and a wheelchair-accessible toilet.

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# Chance to meet Disney princess

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The show is running from Wednesday, March 14 until Sunday, March 18.

As part of the prize, two adults and two children will get the chance to attend the opening night of the show, which promises to take audiences on a fairytale journey through some of the most classic

## Fairytale journey through those classic moments

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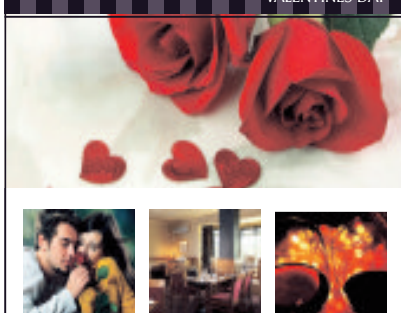
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### MRS BROWN'S BOYS

BBC1, 9.30pm

In mid-January, Mrs Brown's Boys was tenth highest rated BBC One show of the week, with more than six million viewers tuning in – that doesn't include all the extra viewers who caught it on iPlayer. Does it deserve such high viewing figures? Well, that's open to question, but if the sight of latterday Old Mother Riley Brendan O'Carroll in drag tickles your funnybone, then you won't want to miss this final helping in which Agnes tries to make friends with Dermot's mother-in-law Hillary ahead of the baby's birth. She suggests they go out to dinner together, but the evening comes to an abrupt end for the two feuding matriarchs.

**6.00** Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.35** Rachel Allen: Home Cooking. (R) **12.00** BBC News: Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** World Olympic Dreams: Mongolian boxer Badar Uugan Enkhbatyn's preparations for London. **1.30** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. France v Italy (Kick-off 2.30pm). **4.30** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. Scotland v England (Kick-off 5.00pm).

**6.55** BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

**7.15** The Magicians. With John Torode, Gregg Wallace, Arlene Phillips and Phil Tufnell.

**8.30** The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws. The Overtones join O.J. Borg as the winning numbers are revealed.

**8.40** Casualty. Linda struggles to take care of her sister's two children, and Lloyd tries to piece together the series of events that led to a woman with Alzheimer's disease being admitted.

**9.30** Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes tries to make friends with Dermot's mother-in-law Hillary, but the pair's dinner date comes to an abrupt end when Maria suddenly goes into labour. Last in the series.

**10.00** BBC News: Weather. **10.20** Match of the Day. Including highlights of Manchester City v Fulham; National Lottery Update.

**11.40** The Football League Show. Highlights of today's games.

**1.00** Weatherview. **1.05** BBC News.

**6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.00** Coast. (R) **12.15** Film: Miracle. (2004) Fact-based sporting drama, starring Kurt Russell. **2.20** Film: Flower Drum Song. (1961) Romantic musical comedy, with Miyoshi Umeki and James Shigeta. **4.30** Final Score. **5.30** Escape to the Country. (R)

**6.30** Flog It! Philip Serrell and David Fletcher visit Torquay, where they value antiques including an amber necklace, an Austrian bronze figure and a cheese coaster.

**7.30** Dad's Army. The platoon defends headquarters against members of the Highland Regiment. (R)

**8.00** Versailles: The Dream of a King. Docu-drama re-creating the life and loves of Louis XIV. (R)

**9.00** FILM: Brighton Rock. (2010) Premiere. A criminal in the 1960s tries to seduce a waitress who can connect him to a murder, determined to ensure her silence. Drama, starring Sam Riley and Andrea Riseborough.

**10.45** Pan Am. The Clipper Majestic is sent to the Soviet Union on a diplomatic mission.

**11.25** TOTP: The 60s. Performances by Clodagh Rodgers, the Move, Tom Jones and the Bee Gees.

**11.55** FILM: The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada. (2006) Modern-day Western, starring Tommy Lee Jones.

**1.50** Film: Paper Clips. (2004) Documentary about a school's commemoration of the Holocaust.

**6.00** CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** May the Best House Win. (R) **11.25** This Morning: Saturday. **12.30** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.40** Film: Evil Under the Sun. (1982) Mystery, starring Peter Ustinov. **3.55** Film: Wild Wild West. (1999) Sci-fi Western comedy, starring Will Smith. **5.45** Regional News; Weather.

**6.00** ITV News: Weather. **6.15** New You've Been Framed – Top 100 Kids!

Comedian Harry Hill narrates a selection of viewer-submitted comical clips devoted to youngsters, including messy eaters, troublesome teens and sibling rivalries.

**7.15** Harry Hill's TV Burp. New series. Comic review of the week's small-screen highlights.

**7.45** Take Me Out. A charity campaigner, a semi-professional footballer, a musician and a model try to impress 30 single women, and last week's couples go on their dates.

**9.00** The Jonathan Ross Show. With David Beckham, Keira Knightley and Kevin Bridges.

**10.00** The Talent Show Story. Life on the judging panel. Last in the series.

**11.00** ITV News: Weather. **11.15** FILM: Music and Lyrics. (2007) Comedy, starring Hugh Grant and Drew Barrymore.

**1.10** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **3.30** In Plain Sight. **4.15** ITV Newsnight. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

**6.00** The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Volleyball. (R) **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.50** T4: Everyone's Talking About – Top Ten. **9.20** T4: A-Z of Star Wars Episode I: T4 Movie Special. **9.55** T4: New Girl. (R) **10.25** T4: New Girl. (R) **10.55** T4: Playing It Straight. **11.55** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **12.25** T4: New Girl. (R) **12.55** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.25** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **3.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.35** Come Dine with Me. (R)

**6.05** Come Dine with Me. January Jones-Omatayo prepares a soul-food-inspired menu. (R)

**6.35** Channel 4 News.

**7.05** 4thought.tv. A Sikh charity worker explains his view of altruism.

**7.10** FILM: My Super Ex-Girlfriend. (2006) An insecure superhero is outraged when her boyfriend dumps her, and in revenge uses her powers to ruin his life. Fantasy comedy, starring Uma Thurman, Luke Wilson and Eddie Izzard.

**9.00** The Million Pound Drop Live. Davina McCall presents the quiz show in which contestants can win £1million, but lose money for giving incorrect answers.

**10.30** FILM: The Full Monty. (1997) Comedy, starring Robert Carlyle.

**12.20** Film: If. (1968) Drama, with Malcolm McDowell. **2.15** The Silent City. (R) **2.25** This Is J03. (R) **2.30** Brothers & Sisters. (R) **3.15** My Dream Farm. (R) **4.10** Time Team. (R) **5.10** Countdown. (R) **5.55** Sail Mail. (R)

**6.00** Milkshake! **10.00** Meerkat Manor. (R) **10.30** Benidorm ER. (R) **11.30** Royal Navy Caribbean Patrol. (R) **12.25** Film: Riding Shotgun. (1954) Western, starring Randolph Scott. **2.00** Film: Apache Drums. (1951) Western, starring Stephen McNally. **3.30** Film: Death of a Gunfighter. (1969) Western, starring Richard Widmark. **5.25** Film: Private Benjamin. (1980) Comedy, starring Goldie Hawn.

**7.25** 5 News Weekend. **7.35** NCIS. Having identified the mole in their ranks, the detectives are forced to rely on information from questionable sources as they try to prevent a criminal stealing government secrets. (R)

**8.30** NCIS. A petty officer is killed in what at first seems to be a road-rage incident – until the team discovers he belonged to an underground fight club. Crime drama, starring Mark Harmon. (R)

**9.30** CSI: NY. Mac and the team investigate the murder of a college student, focusing their investigation on his room-mate, who has been printing counterfeit money.

**10.30** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. A teenager disappears after making a shocking confession.

**11.30** Forensic Files. (R)

**12.00** SuperCasino. **4.00** Great Artists. (R) **4.25** Divine Designs. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

**ITV2** **4.50** Film: Free Willy (1993) **7.10** Film: Kangaroo Jack (2003). Comedy, starring Jerry O'Connell and Anthony Anderson. **9.00** Take Me Out – The Gossip **9.45** Film: Knocked Up (2007). Romantic comedy, starring Seth Rogen, Katherine Heigl and Paul Rudd.

**ITV3** **3.55** Agatha Christie's Poirot **4.55** A Touch of Frost **7.00** Rosemary & Thyme **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Foyle's War **11.00** Film: The Postman Always Rings Twice (1981)

**ITV4** **3.40** Film: On Her Majesty's Secret Service (1969) **6.30** Live Africa Cup of Nations. The second quarter-final (Kick-off 7.00pm). **9.30** Film: Tango & Cash (1989). Action adventure, with Sylvester Stallone and Kurt Russell. **11.35** Film: Charley Varrick (1973)

**BBCTHREE** **7.00** Doctor Who **7.45** Doctor Who Confidential (1969) **9.30** Top Gear **9.00** Film: Tropic Thunder (2008) **10.40** Family Guy **11.25** American Dad!

**BBC FOUR** **7.00** Survivors: Nature's Indestructible Creatures **8.00** Natural World: The Last Grizzly of Paradise Valley **9.00** Borgen **11.00** Top of the Pops: 1977 **11.35** Soul Deep: The Story of Black Popular Music

**E4** **1.35** Hollyoaks **4.10** Perfect Couples **5.05** Scrubs **6.05** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Happy Endings **7.35** How I Met Your Mother **8.00** Rules of Engagement **8.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: Trading Places (1983). Comedy, starring Dan Aykroyd and Eddie Murphy. **11.20** The Big Bang Theory

**FILM4** **2.45** Battle for the Planet of the Apes (1973) **4.30** Tristan and Isolde (2006) **6.55** Guess Who (2005) **9.00** The Wrestler (2008). Drama, with Mickey Rourke and Marisa Tomei. **11.20** A History of Violence (2005)

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### THE HOTEL

Channel 4, 8pm

Admittedly, it can't be easy running a hotel; having the ability to keep everybody happy all the time and doing it through those stubbornly gritted teeth with a pseudo-friendly grin plastered across your face. But if Basil Fawcett can do it, Mark Jenkins is going to make damn sure he can. The Grosvenor's manager has had somewhat of a brainwave this week, as he decides to open the hotel's nightclub. Where his germ of an idea falls down, though, is when Christian gets giddy about his 'perfect solution' of the club's theme being 'omni-sexual' — even offering to go out in full-drag get-up complete with semi-naked men by way of promoting his idea.

**6.00** Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Sunday Politics; Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.05** Match of the Day Live. **2.30** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. **5.00** Songs of Praise. **5.35** Antiques Roadshow. (R)

### 6.35 BBC News: Regional News: Weather.

**7.00** Countryfile. Matt Baker and Ellie Harrison explore the Blackdown Hills on the Devon and Somerset border, while John Craven investigates Britain's fall in organic food sales. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

**8.00** Call the Midwife. A baby girl is snatched from her pram, uniting the community in a search for the missing child. Cynthia's latest patient falls ill, jeopardising her chances of happiness.

**9.00** Bomber Boys. Actor Ewan McGregor and his pilot brother Colin explore the role RAF Bomber Command played during the Second World War and Colin learns to fly a Lancaster bomber.

**10.30** BBC News: Regional News: Weather. **10.55** Live Super Bowl XLVI. New England Patriots v New York Giants (Kick-off 11.25pm). Mark Chapman presents coverage of American football's showpiece match, held at the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

**4.00** Weatherview. **4.05** BBC News.

**6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Something for the Weekend. **11.30** Film: I Know Where I'm Going. (1945) Romantic drama, starring Wendy Hiller and Roger Livesey. **1.00** EastEnders. **2.55** Film: The Shooting Party. (1985) Period drama, starring Edward Fox. **4.30** Escape to the Country. (R) **5.15** Ski Sunday.

**6.00** The Last Explorers. The story of John Muir, one of the founders of America's National Park movement, who worked to persuade institutions and the general public of the importance of the environment.

**7.00** Queens of British Pop. A celebration of female singers over the past 50 years. (R)

**8.00** Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson and James May learn about China's expanding car industry, and Richard Hammond immerses himself in the world of Nascar at a race in Texas. With guest Matt LeBlanc.

**9.00** Toughest Place to Be a Fisherman. Cornish fisherman Andy Giles works in a coastal village in Sierra Leone.

**10.00** Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Chelsea v Manchester United.

**10.55** Frank Skinner's Opinionated. With Greg Davies and Victoria Coren. (R)

**11.25** Rugby Union: Six Nations Highlights. **12.10** Ski Sunday. (R) **12.55** Film: The Day of the Triffids. (1962) Sci-fi thriller, starring Howard Keel. **2.30** BBC News. **4.05** Close.

**6.00** CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Ade in Britain. (R) **10.30** Dinner Date. (R) **11.30** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **12.30** TV News; Weather. **12.40** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.40** Film: Columbo: Murder, Smoke and Shadows. (1989) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **3.35** Vera. (R) **5.35** Regional News; Weather. **5.45** ITV News; Weather.

**6.00** Harry Hill's TV Burp. Comic review of the week's small-screen highlights. (R)

**6.25** Dancing on Ice. The 11 remaining celebrities skate to some of the biggest pop songs of all time as they continue their battle to impress the judges and win public votes.

**8.30** Wild at Heart. Du Plessis starts to believe he is being haunted by the ghost of Peeters. Danny and Ed make a rash decision that endangers everything they have been working toward.

**9.30** Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off. The two lowest-scoring couples compete.

**10.05** That Sunday Night Show. With Larry Lamb and Ross Noble.

**10.35** ITV News: Weather. **10.50** Whitechapel. Chandler and Miles investigate the deaths of four people. (R)

**11.50** Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union. Action from the fourth round of pool fixtures.

**12.40** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.00** Ladette to Lady: Australia. (R) **2.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

**6.00** The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** That Paralympic Show. (R) **7.25** Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered. (R) **7.55** T4: The Album Chart Show Introduces Cover Drive. (R) **8.05** T4: One Tree Hill. (R) **8.55** T4: Countdown to the NME Awards 2012. (R) **9.10** T4: Hollyoaks. (R) **11.45** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.20** T4: Shipwrecked: The Island. **1.20** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **2.30** Film: New in Town. (2009) Premiere. Romantic comedy, starring Renee Zellweger. **4.20** Time Team. **5.25** Deal or No Deal.

**6.25** Channel 4 News. **6.55** 4thought.tv. Human rights activist Ben Rawlence discusses foreign aid.

**7.00** Hugh's Three Hungry Boys. The boys hunt for food on Asparagus Island off Cornwall's Kynance Cove. Last in the series.

**8.00** The Hotel. Manager Mark holds a singles' night.

**9.00** FILM: The Time Traveler's Wife. (2009) Premiere. A woman falls for a time traveller, but his journeys back and forth in her life put a strain on their marriage. Romantic sci-fi drama, with Rachel Adams and Eric Bana.

**11.10** FILM: Alien Resurrection. (1997) Sci-fi thriller sequel, with Sigourney Weaver.

**1.15** Film: The Texas Chainsaw Massacre. (2003) Horror remake, starring Jessica Biel. **2.55** The Guides. (R) **3.10** Brothers & Sisters. (R) **3.50** 90210. (R) **4.30** My Dream Farm. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

**6.00** Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowerlorts. (R) **6.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **6.35** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Igam Ogam. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Family! (R) **7.35** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.57** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.15** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.30** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.50** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) **10.00** Grey's Anatomy. (R) **11.00** Cowboy Builders. (R) **12.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.05** Film: Shanghai Noon. (2000) Comedy Western, starring Jackie Chan and Owen Wilson. **3.10** Film: Pete's Dragon. (1977) Musical fantasy, starring Jim Dale. **5.20** Film: The Mask of Zorro. (1998) Swashbuckling adventure, starring Antonio Banderas.

**8.00** World's Scariest Near Misses. People who have stared death in the face — and survived. (R)

**8.55** 5 News Weekend. **9.00** FILM: 300. (2006) Fantasy adventure, starring Gerard Butler.

**11.20** FILM: Road House 2: Last Call. (2006) Action thriller sequel, starring Johnathon Schaech.

**1.00** SuperCasino. **4.00** Rough Guide to Beaches. (R) **4.10** Great Scientists. (R) **4.35** Divine Designs. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

**ITV2** **4.25** Film: Free Willy 2: The Adventure Home (1995) **6.25** Film: King Kong (2005). Fantasy adventure remake, starring Naomi Watts. **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.45** Film: Funny People (2009). Comedy drama, starring Adam Sandler and Seth Rogen.

**ITV3** **3.50** Film: Carry On Screaming (1966) **5.50** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00** Lewis. A college master is found dead at the university's astronomical observatory. **11.00** Cracker

**ITV4** **3.20** Film: Stargate (1994) **5.45** Film: Flash Gordon (1980) **8.00** Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union **9.00** Cops with Cameras **10.00** Africa Cup of Nations **11.00** Film: We Own the Night (2007). Drama, starring Joaquin Phoenix.

**BBC THREE** **7.00** Junior Doctors: Your Life in Their Hands **8.00** Young Talent of the Year **9.00** Being Human **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** American Dad! **11.30** Sun, Sex and Suspicious Parents

**BBC FOUR** **7.00** Sykes **7.30** Film: Carry On Loving (1970). Comedy, starring Sid James. **9.00** The Cripplewood Greats **9.45** Hattie **11.10** Film: Son of Babylon (2009). Premiere. Drama, starring Shazada Hussein and Yasser Talib.

**E4** **4.30** Samantha Who? **4.55** Being Erica **5.55** 90210 **6.50** Film: Romancing the Stone (1984). Comedy adventure, starring Michael Douglas and Kathleen Turner. **9.00** Desperate Housewives **11.00** Skins

**FILM4** **3.00** In Good Company (2004) **5.10** The Englishman Who Went Up a Hill, But Came Down a Mountain (1995) **7.00** Eragon (2006). Fantasy adventure, starring Edward Speleers. **9.00** Paris labyrinth (2006). Period fantasy, starring Vana Baquero. **11.20** Babel (2006). Drama, starring Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchett.

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**BBC2** 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.25 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 One Man and His Campervan. (R) 1.30 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 2.15 Weakest Link. (R) 3.00 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 3.45 Flog It! 4.30 Perfection. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Britain's Heritage Heroes. 7.00 Home Cooking Made Easy. (R) 7.30 A Question of Taste. 8.00 University Challenge. 8.30 An Island Paradise. 9.00 Protecting Our Children. 10.00 Mock the Week. 10.30 Newsnight: Weather. 11.20 Pan Am. (R) 12.00 BBC News. 3.15 The Super League Show. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

**ITV1** 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News: Weather. 1.55 Regional News: Weather. 2.00 Dickinsons Real Deal. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 The Hungry Sailors. 5.00 The Chase. 6.00 Regional News: Weather. 6.30 ITV News: Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Coronation Street. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Whitechapel. 10.00 ITV News at Ten: Weather. 10.30 Regional News: Weather. 10.35 That Sunday Night Show. (R) 11.05 Law & Order. UK. (R) 12.05 River Monsters. (R) 12.35 The Zone: ITV News Headlines. 2.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 3.30 ITV Nightscreen. 4.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 5.30 ITV Morning News.

**Channel 4** 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 According to Jim. 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.05 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Undercover Boss USA. (R) 9.55 Relocation: Phil Down Under. (R) 11.00 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Country House Rescue. (R) 1.05 Quick Bakes with Eric Lanlard. (R) 1.25 Film: Lassie Come Home. (1943) Family drama, starring Elizabeth Taylor. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. 5.30 Coach Trip. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 6.55 4thout.tv. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 Channel 4 Presents — 2012: Mandip Sehmi — Part Two. 8.00 SuperScrappers. 9.00 Coppers. 10.00 Party Paramedics. 11.05 Random Acts. 11.10 Shameless. (R) 12.10 Soufflés. (R) 1.10 The Joy of Teen Sex. (R) 2.05 Embarrassing Bodies. (R) 3.00 Strange Little Girls. (R) 3.20 Brothers & Sisters. (R) 4.05 My Dream Farm. (R) 5.00 Time Team. (R) 5.55 Sail Mail. (R)

**Channel 5** 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.10 LIVE with Gabby. 12.10 5 News Lunchtime. 12.15 Build a New Life in the Country. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 CSI: NY. (R) 3.15 Film: Safe Harbor. (2009) Premiere. Drama, starring Treat Williams. Nancy Travis. Remy McLennan and Myra Turley. 5.00 5 News at 5. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.30 5 News at 6.30. 7.00 World's Toughest Truckee. (R) 5 News Update. 8.00 Police Interceptors. 5 News at 9. 9.00 Body of Proof. Megan investigates a fatality at the hospital where she used to work. 10.00 CSI: Miami. A gunman storms the team's headquarters. (R) 10.55 CSI: NY. (R) 11.50 CSI: NY. (R) 12.45 Forensic Files. (R) 1.15 SuperCasino. 4.00 House Doctor. (R) 4.25 Wildlife SOS. (R) 5.10 Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R)

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**BBC2** 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.25 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 One Man and His Campervan. (R) 1.30 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 2.15 Weakest Link. (R) 3.00 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 3.45 Flog It! 4.30 Perfection. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Britain's Heritage Heroes. 7.00 Raymond Blanc: The Very Hungry Frenchman. (R) 8.00 Alex Polizzi: The Fixer. 9.00 How to Grow a Planet. 10.00 Have I Got Your Money? 11.00 Newsnight. 12.00 BBC News. 12.00 Rubicon. 12.05 Rubicon. 12.50 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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**BBC2** 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.25 CBeebies. 11.30 Daily Politics. 1.00 See Hear. 1.30 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 2.15 Weakest Link. 3.00 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 3.45 Flog It! 4.30 Perfection. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Britain's Heritage Heroes. 7.00 Escape to the Country. (R) 8.00 Bess, Butterflies and Blooms. 9.00 Versailles. 10.00 Roger & Val Have Just Got In. 10.30 Newsnight: Weather. 11.20 Film: Guerrilla. The Taking of Patty Hearst. (2004) 12.50 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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**Channel 4** 6.05 Sail Mail. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 According to Jim. 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Undercover Boss USA. (R) 9.55 Relocation: Phil Down Under. (R) 11.00 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Country House Rescue. (R) 1.05 Quick Bakes with Eric Lanlard. 1.35 Film: Rope. (1948) 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. 5.30 Coach Trip. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 6.55 4thout.tv. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 Channel 4 Presents — 2012: Will Bayley — Part Two. 8.00 How to Cook Like Heston. 8.30 The Fabulous Baker Brothers. 9.00 One Born Every Minute. 10.00 10 O'Clock Live. 10.55 Random Acts. 11.00 The Inbetweeners. (R) 11.30 The Inbetweeners. (R) 12.00 Music on 4: Countdown to the NME Awards 2012. 12.20 Music on 4: David Guetta Nothing but the Beats: The Movie. 1.25 Music on 4: 4Play: Anisa. 1.40 Music on 4: The Album Chart Show. Spotlight. 1.55 Music on 4: The Album Chart Show Introduces: Emeli Sande. (R) 2.10 Music on 4: Professor Green Unseen: After Hours. (R) 2.35 Music on 4: Live from Abbey Road. (R) 3.20 90210. (R) 4.00 Film: The Men. (1950) 5.25 Countdown. (R)

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**BBC2** 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.25 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway. (R) 1.30 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 2.15 Weakest Link. (R) 3.00 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 3.45 Flog It! 4.30 Perfection. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Britain's Heritage Heroes. 7.00 Top Gear. (R) 8.00 Raymond Blanc: The Very Hungry Frenchman. 9.00 Putin, Russia & the West. 10.00 James May's Things You Need to Know. (R) 10.30 Newsnight: Weather. 11.20 Tougher Place to Be a Fisherman. (R) 12.20 An Island Parish. (R) 1.20 BBC News. 3.25 Close. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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Friday

**BBC1** 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Wanted Down Under. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) BBC News: Weather. 11.00 Britain's Empty Homes. (R) 11.30 Cash in the Attic: BBC News: Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News: Weather. 1.30 Regional News: Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Escape to the Country. 3.00 BBC News: Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Pointless. (R) 6.00 BBC News: Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes: Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 EastEnders: BBC News: Regional News. 8.00 EastEnders. 8.30 Room 101. 9.00 Hustle. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News: Weather. 10.35 The Graham Norton Show. 11.20 The National Lottery Friday Night Draw. 11.30 Film: Rescue Dawn. (2006) Werner Herzog's drama, starring Christian Bale, Steve Zahn and Jeremy Davies. 1.30 Weather. 1.35 Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) 2.35 Great Barrier Reef. (R) 3.35 Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) 4.20 BBC News.

**BBC2** 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.25 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 Animal Park. (R) 1.30 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 2.15 Weakest Link. 3.00 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 3.45 Flog It! 4.30 Perfection. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Britain's Heritage Heroes. 7.00 The Culture Show. 8.00 Mastermind. 8.30 Mastermind. 9.00 Wild About Pandas. 10.00 QI. (R) 10.30 Newsnight. 11.00 The Review Show. 11.45 Weather. 11.50 Film: Night and the City. (1992) Thriller remake, starring Robert De Niro and Jessica Lange. 1.30 The Culture Show. (R) 2.30 BBC News. 4.20 Close.

**ITV1** 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News: Weather. 1.55 Regional News: Weather. 2.00 Dickinsons Real Deal. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 The Hungry Sailors. 5.00 The Chase. 6.00 Regional News: Weather. 6.30 ITV News: Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Safari Vet School. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Law & Order. UK. 10.00 ITV News at Ten: Weather. 10.30 Regional News: Weather. 10.35 Film: Jaws: The Revenge. (1987) Thriller sequel, starring Michael Caine. 1.15 The Zone: ITV News Headlines. 2.20 Film: Outbreak (1995) Thriller, starring Dustin Hoffman. 4.25 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

**Channel 4** 6.00 The Treacle People. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 According to Jim. 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.25 Frasier. (R) 8.55 Undercover Boss USA. (R) 9.55 Relocation: Phil Down Under. (R) 11.00 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Country House Rescue. (R) 1.05 Quick Bakes with Eric Lanlard. (R) 1.25 Film: The Master of Ballantyne. (1953) Swashbuckling adventure, starring Errol Flynn and Anthony Steel. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. 5.30 Coach Trip. 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 6.55 4thout.tv. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 Channel 4 Presents — 2012: Jody Cundy — Part Two. 7.35 Come Dine with Me. 8.30 New Girl. 9.00 The Million Pound Drop Live. 10.30 Tube Tube: Love Lyles. (R) 11.30 10 O'Clock Live. (R) 12.25 Film: Mona Lisa. (1986) Romantic crime thriller, starring Bob Hoskins and Cathy Tyson. 2.15 Random Acts. 2.20 Enough. (R) 2.25 I Hate That Smile. (R) 2.30 Ely News. (R) 3.20 Hung. (R) 4.20 Home Country. (R) 4.25 Brothers & Sisters. (R) 5.10 Countdown. (R) 5.55 TBA.

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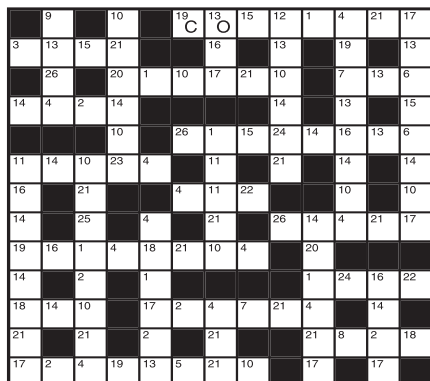


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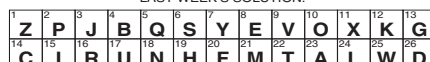
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## Codeword

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## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

**Cryptic Clues:**

### Across

3. Almost begin to embark - that's right (9)
8. Give a hand signal when this approach the shore (4)
9. Learning to recognise a foothold on the mountain (9)
10. A kind that is made to sally (6)
11. One who sums up the scaly creature (5)
12. Change the level of the shore we hear (5)
15. Depression for the theologian, by the sound of it (4)
16. Just the thing for the high-stepper (5)
18. Cramped accommodation may well be barred (4)
20. Too early for the Mayflower? (5)
21. It would be carried by the chairmen (5)
24. Show off the United Nations in uninteresting surroundings (6)
25. Split completely in a sorrowful way (9)
26. Small piece of land mentioned in Marconi's letters (4)
27. One who faces the wall (9)
1. Frightened by an undefined article, we refused to work? (3-6)
2. Charges too much? (9)
4. Subtle blending produces quality of sound (4)
5. Went boating and fell out! (5)
6. What the abbot expects to be, as far as holy orders are concerned (6)
7. Flight from a life for passion (4)
9. Birds whose flight is ground-controlled? (5)
11. Though born elsewhere, he produces a legal right to retention of property (5)
12. Turned up in a nosy way (5)
13. Facts that place genuine restrictions about one (9)
17. Agree with the amount recovered (5)
19. Acquires 9 Across (6)
22. Ill-treatment for Lincoln around America (5)
23. Timber transaction (4)
24. Escape from most of the Navy (4)

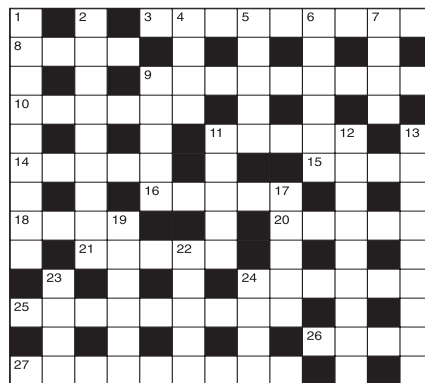
**Quick Clues:**

## Across

- |                   |                            |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 3. Escort (9)     | 1. Loud hailer (9)         |
| 8. Merit (4)      | 2. Ferocious (9)           |
| 9. Monarch (9)    | 4. Diving bird (4)         |
| 10. Stress (6)    | 5. Musical drama (5)       |
| 11. Lift (5)      | 6. Delight (6)             |
| 14. Bisect (5)    | 7. Near (4)                |
| 15. Level (4)     | 9. Derisive smile (5)      |
| 16. Harvests (5)  | 11. Willing (5)            |
| 18. Not any (4)   | 12. All (9)                |
| 20. Trunk (5)     | 13. Meet (9)               |
| 21. Late (5)      | 17. Purloin (5)            |
| 24. Charcoal (6)  | 19. Christian festival (6) |
| 25. Descent (9)   | 20. Thick (5)              |
| 26. Brink (4)     | 23. Belt (4)               |
| 27. Benvoyers (9) | 24. Tent (4)               |

9. Derivative sn

11. Willing (5)  
12. All (9)  
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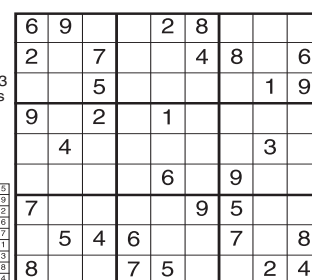


## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Sock; 3 Herdsman; 8 Rank; 9 Hostages; 11 Keeping watch; 13 Notice; 14 Stupor; 17 Strawberries; 20 Headgear; 21 Tale; 22 Paladins; 23 Lent. Down: 1 Striking; 2 Contest; 4 Enough; 5 Detractors; 6 Magic; 7 Nose; 10 Discharged; 12 Crescent; 15 Private; 16 Obtain; 18 Trail; 19 Whip. QUICK - Across: 1 Pick; 3 Advocate; 8 Same; 9 Flatness; 11 Illegitimate; 13 Luxury; 14 Escape; 17 Presentiment; 20 Original; 21 Fame; 22 Preceded; 23 News. Down: 1 Possibly; 2 Complex; 4 Delete; 5 Optimistic; 6 Alert; 7 Easy; 10 Aggressive; 12 Restless; 15 Average; 16 Insane; 18 Raise; 19 Pomp.

## Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the  $3 \times 3$  boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.



LAST WEEK'S  
SOLUTIONS

9	2	6	8	1	7	3
8	5	4	6	2	3	7
1	7	3	9	4	5	8
2	9	7	5	3	1	4
3	6	1	4	8	9	2
4	8	5	7	6	2	9
6	1	8	2	7	4	5
5	4	2	3	9	6	1
7	3	9	1	5	8	6

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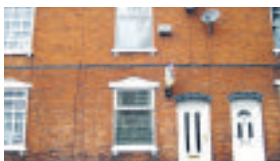
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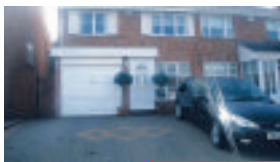
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# World Speedway Champion Greg Hancock

## Returning to Cradley Heath

**Cradley Heathens legend and current World Speedway Champion Greg Hancock is returning home to where his career started 14 years ago. Fans will have the chance to meet Greg when he opens the new Motor Market car dealership site in Newtown Lane, Cradley Heath on Saturday 17th March at 12pm.**



Greg made almost 400 appearances for the club, which gave his career a start back in 1989. American Greg crowned a fantastic season last year by becoming World Champion for the 2nd time at the age of 41.

Motor Market co owner Adam Bridge said "It's very exciting for us to be involved in bringing Greg back to Cradley Heath. We know exactly what speedway and Greg mean to the people of Cradley and giving Greg's fans the opportunity to meet and congratulate him in person will be fantastic. It really should be a great day."

To add to the occasion Carol's famous Heathens pork sandwiches and refreshments will be provided free from the original catering van used on the Dudley Wood site. A raffle with prizes including 2 Dudley Heathens season tickets, further special guests and children's entertainment with a bouncy castle and face painting will all be on site.

Greg's rare appearance back in the UK is largely thanks to Colin Pratt his former Heathens boss



who brought him to Cradley back in the late 80's. Colin, now in charge at Coventry Bees, has assembled a world class field of top stars, led by Greg to ride in The Brandonapolis Open meeting Friday 16th March at Brandon.

A third opportunity to pay tribute to Greg will be on the evening of Saturday 17th March at The Venue, Dudley from 8.30pm where Greg will take to the stage as the star attraction along with Jan O Pederson, Colin and other surprise guests in an event organised by the Heathens Supporters Club. Tickets are available at £10 and can be purchased at [www.dudleyheathens.co.uk](http://www.dudleyheathens.co.uk) or contact HSSC on 07766 745681.

Motor Markets Dean Bridge added, "It should be a very special weekend for the many people still fanatical about speedway in the area. You only need to attend the British Grand Prix in Cardiff each summer to see the amount of goodwill and support still given to Greg by the Cradley fans, I've no doubt, even today we still regard him as one of our own."

I would doubt whether there's ever been a more popular Speedway World Champion. We could not wish for a better ambassador for the sport or our town. I know the Heathens fans are very proud of him and his achievements and hope they turn out in force to welcome him back to Cradley Heath."



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# Swift and sure from Suzuki's style team

**Suzuki's swiftest Swift proved a big hit with youngish owners looking for an affordable (to buy and insure) warm hatch.**

So little wonder the new Sport model, on sale in January, is more a step forward than a leap into the automotive unknown, with more of what's good and a bit less of what isn't.

In the good column are power and economy, both boosted by a gentle reworking of the existing engine (now 134bhp from its 1.6-litre petrol engine) and the addition of a sixth gear to make long motorway drags a bit less of a drag.

There's also been a bit more space added to the length of the new Swift Sport for a slightly roomier interior (still only a four-seater, though) and the addition of cruise control and keyless entry - leave the key in your pocket and the car still knows you're about.

Like the old car, metallic paint is standard at no extra cost (tell that to Audi!).

So to the not so good; this welcome tinkering with an already successful formula has brought a price increase that's rather more than a gentle uplift.

The old Sport cost £12,995 (they're all sold, by the way), so the predicted £14,500 of the new model looks as though the Suzuki price setters knew they had an in-demand model on their hands and priced it accordingly.

## Bolder

It's still not overpriced, though, when you consider the reworking you'll find in the little hatchback, designed in Japan, tested on some awkward Yorkshire roads as part of its European acclimatisation and built in Hungary in a plant that's this summer built its two-millionth vehicle.

The last Sport model was hard to pick out from its cheaper, slower siblings. The newcomer is less shy about boasting of its sporting prowess, with a bolder front grille, finned fog lamp housings, side body mouldings and a spoiler above rear window. Multi-spoked alloy wheels fill the wheel arches in muscular fashion.

Inside, the changes from non-Sport versions is subtle, with more firmly bolstered front seats about the only obvious change. Not that there's much wrong with the cabin anyway, with room in the rear for two adults and a dashboard that's simple (a good thing) and easy to read.

**By Ian Donaldson**

In slightly pearly white paint the Swift Sport looks every centimetre the sporty hatch it's intended to be, with blacked out rear-side windows adding a touch of Mafia menace. It looks perfectly pitched at the early-30s and mostly male buyers who Suzuki thinks will fall for the car.

They'll appreciate the car Suzuki's engineers have taken over, making it feel sporty on the road, with a lot of work to make the suspension and steering feel sharper without turning the car into a racetrack refuge.

Like other sporty numbers from Japan (think Honda in particular) the Swift Sport's engine needs to be worked hard for maximum attack.

## Rewards

Indeed, change gear at what sounds the right time and you'll miss its verve. This is a car that rewards effort from its driver, who won't mind swapping gears in a box that feels crisp and positive.

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## Maguire hat-trick defeats Spartans

**Continental 2 Halas Hawks 3**  
HALAS Hawks Ladies claimed victory in a must-win match against one of their rivals in the title race for the Birmingham County Womens League.

The first half saw Halas in command, scoring through Katy Monk and Tash Berry. But in their only real attack of the half, Continental pulled one back just before the break.

The second half saw Continental come into the game and get an equaliser but substitute goalkeeper Steph Parkes was equal to everything else thrown at her.

In a game which could have gone either way, Monk scored her second to give Halas a 3-2 win.

**Sedgeley White Lions 1 Halas Hawks U13 1**

Kicking up the slope against Sedgeley White Lions, the Under-13s created numerous chances before an excellent through ball from Abigail Gennard found Louise Tromans, who hit an unstoppable shot into the top corner. Unfortunately they couldn't maintain their superiority in the second half.

Superb goalkeeping from Charlotte Parry maintained Halas' lead until a melee in the box led to Sedgeley grabbing an equaliser.

**Bridgnorth Spartans 0 Halas Hawks U15 3**

A fine hat-trick by Charis Maguire secured all three points against Bridgnorth - with only seven players.

The second goal was an outstanding effort, and there was a good display in defence, but it was a fine game by the all the girls.

## Westwood at the double

**Tipton Town 4 Dunkirk 2**  
TIPTON filled their boots again, following up their five goals against Dunkirk in the reverse fixture with a further four. Two goals from Andrew Westwood helped Town to victory.

As early as the sixth minute Westwood's corner was met by Jack Stone who scored with a header.

Dunkirk levelled with Max Wright slotting the ball past keeper Neil Page.

In the 28th minute a free-kick was deftly lifted over the Dunkirk wall to Nathan Waite who side-footed home.

Westwood then scored twice and although the visitors pulled one back, it was not enough.

## Back to winning ways as Willetts spot-on

**Boys League**  
**Withymoor 0 Halas Hawks U9 East 0**  
A DRAW was a fair result from an end to end game at Withymoor which saw both sides create and miss opportunities.

Halas player of the match was shared between Dan Richards and goalkeeper Isaac Gould.

**Halas Hawks U10 East 1 CS Colts 2**

The Under-10s East suffered their first defeat since October against a strong CS Colts side who deservedly took all three points.

CS took the lead in the first half, but Halas hit back and equalised from a Charlie Greening penalty.

But CS had the better of the second half and scored the winner. Halas player of the match was keeper Sam Ball, who kept Halas in the game with a series of saves.

**Sedgeley Scorpions 4 Halas Hawks West U11 1**

Halas conceded two early goals. A third goal before half-time gave them a mountain to climb but they got a well deserved goal from Jack MacFarlane before Sedgeley scored a breakaway goal to seal a 4-1 win.

Halas player of the match went to Jack Bissell.

**Halas Hawks U12 3 West Hagley 0**

Two goals from Mohammed

## Halas Hawks

Mohammed and one by Nick Bennett eased Halas to victory.

Their player of the match was Joshua Hanson.

**Halas Hawks U13 4 Trysull Tigers E 0**  
Four goals in the second half gave Halas the points.

The first half saw a stalemate but the home team took over in the second period with Connor Fisher opening the scoring.

Two goals from Dylan Keeling and a second from Fisher gave Halas a 4-0 win. Player of the match was shared between Josh

Rogers and Callum Hughes for sterling efforts in goal and mid-field.

**Kewford South 2 Halas Hawks U14 3**

Two early goals from Kewford put Halas on the back foot before Jack Guest reduced the deficit.

The second half saw Halas take a grip of the game with Liam Holmes equalising and Dominic Hipkiss scoring the winner.

Player of the match went to William Clement.

**Halas Hawks U15 E 3 Howley Grange 1**

The Under-15 East side returned to winning ways with victory against Howley Grange.

Goals came via a Dan Willetts penalty along with excellent strikes from Rhys Boswell and Jake Walley.

**Halas Hawks U17 4 Hagley West 2**

An excellent start by the Under-17s against Hagley West saw them create numerous chances, but the deadlock was broken by Mitch Wells, followed by a second from Joe Powell.

A third goal was added by Alex Chappel to make it 3-0 at the break. Hagley pulled two back but the points were secured with a fourth Halas goal from Kieran Hillsdon.

## It's a first as Old Hales fail to score

**Old Silhillians 1 Old Halesonians 0**

OLD Halesonians Hockey men's firsts failed to score for the first time this season as they were beaten by fourth-placed Old Silhillians in the West Midlands Premier.

Both teams set up their teams to stop each other scoring. Despite this, Tom Bulteel had a chance within 30 seconds of the start, when he watched his reverse stick shot fly just inches wide.

But there were few opportunities. Just before the half-time break Harry Hughes was yellow carded for the visitors and spent 10 minutes in the sin-bin.

After the break Old Silhillians also saw a player sin-binned for a push. The home side were well held by the Hales defensive line.

Soon after the home side returned to full strength, Hales had Paul Harrold sin-binned for consistent bad tackling. A penalty corner drag flick then produced the winner.

**Old Hales 5 Bloxwich 3**  
Old Hales thirds won a game that was crucial to their promotion hopes.

They looked the livelier and Darren Rose broke the deadlock from close range.

Bloxwich levelled from a short corner but Damian Shackleton blasted in a short corner to make it 2-1 at the break.

Early in the second half, Old Hales doubled their lead as Deck Glaze turned the ball in after Adam Hill's shot had been saved.

Bloxwich got back to 3-2 but in the final 10 minutes Charles Palmer scored Hales' fourth and Rose notched again before Bloxwich scored just before the whistle.

**Old Hales 3 Streety 2**

Old Halesonians thirds made it six points in two days with a hard-fought win on Sunday.

Streety scored first and goalkeeper Stuart Andrews did well to stop a second.

Old Hales equalised when Damian Shackleton tucked away a penalty flick.

Minutes later he switched the ball at a penalty corner into the path of Deck Glaze before Dan Millichap got the final touch to put Hales 2-1 up at the break.

Shackleton got a third, flicking the ball into the top corner from a penalty corner, but Streety pulled one back and gave the home side some anxious moments before the final whistle.

## Same again as Baggies serve up repeat show

**SAME venue, same clubs - and same depressing ending as Albion bowed out of the FA Cup in similar fashion to their recent Premier League defeat against the same opponents.**

For paying spectators at The Hawthorns, Saturday's FA Cup show felt curiously like a low-budget remake of a movie that really was not very good first time round.

Many of the leading players took the afternoon off with their lesser-known understudies taking to the stage, *writes Steve Madeley*.

Yet aside from one or two minor adjustments, the script was identical to the one that Albion and Norwich had acted out on the same turf exactly two weeks earlier.

The FA Cup element of 'Throates versus Canaries' was a poor man's version of the Premier League original, with the same contrasting emotional outcomes for the rival sets of supporters.

Just as they had a fortnight earlier, Albion had most of the play.

And like they did on January 14, they handed victory to the Norfolk side through basic defensive errors that must have left boss Roy Hodgson longing for the nearest wall on which to whack his head.

## Crucial

Canaries fans left the West Midlands jubilant for the second time in 14 days while Baggies supporters were left lamenting an opportunity squandered.

Last time it was three potentially crucial Premier League points that slipped through their grasp.

This week it was a gilt-edged chance to make the last 16 of the FA Cup.

Victory on home soil would have given the Baggies real hope of a Cup adventure and sent them into next weekend's vital

## Albion 1 Norwich 2

home meeting with Swansea with fresh confidence that home games are there for the taking.

Instead an eighth defeat in 13 home matches cranked up the pressure ahead of the visit, which comes three days after Wednesday's tricky trip to Fulham.

A pleasing haul of points from those two important league fixtures will banish memories of Saturday's disappointment and justify Hodgson's decision to leave several of his 'big-hitters' on the substitutes' bench when supporters had ambitions to see them move within a couple of wins of Wembley.

Saturday's line-up saw Gareth McAuley, Jonas Olsson, Nicky Shorey, Peter Odemwingie and Shane Long either on the bench or in the stands.

Their absence did not prevent a second-string Baggies outfit from holding sway in the game, especially in a first half.

They might have found themselves a goal ahead on 21 minutes when Simon Cox

and Gonzalo Jara Reyes combined on the right to set up Jerome Thomas but his rocket of a shot was kept out by goalkeeper Jed Steer.

Albion found themselves a goal behind at half time because of a defensive implosion that gift-wrapped the visitors' opening strike.

This time it was reserve full-back Joe Mattock who went AWOL, allowing former Wolves trainee Elliott Bennett space to burst down the right and cross for a Grant Holt tap-in 10 minutes before the interval.

Once again they were level after the interval with Marc Antoine Fortune finishing crisply after an excellent run and cross by Thomas.

But while they pressed hard, they failed to learn their lessons from the previous encounter and once again presented Norwich with a needless winner.

Young defender Craig Dawson dwelt on a routine clearance inside his area and was robbed by Simeon Jackson, who scored to dump the Baggies out the Cup.



Albion's Graham Dorrans attempts to evade Zak Whitbread of Norwich City

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## It's a sixth defeat on the trot for Yeltz

**Bideford 2 Halesowen Town 0**  
**SPRITED** Halesowen resistance was broken twice in the second half as they went down to a sixth straight defeat.

And there was further red card gloom for the Yeltz when Andrew Westwood jumped into a tackle and was sent off - Halesowen's fourth dismissal in five games.

The hosts almost took a second-minute lead in this Evo-Stik South Division One South and West match but Sean Downing blazed over.

Leading scorer Matt Andrew then picked up a weak clearance from Paul Evans but shot straight back at the goalkeeper.

Halesowen enjoyed a fair share of possession with Ben Haseley and Nathan Jones combining well up front. A 10th-minute flick from Jones put Haseley clear on goal and he did well to clip the ball over goalkeeper Paul Hider, only to see it land on the roof of the net.

Haseley then fired just wide in the 15th minute after another neat flick from Jones.

As Bideford cranked up the pressure before the interval, Evans tipped over a 30th-minute curling free-kick from Matt Bye.

The league leaders finally went ahead when captain Matt Hockley smashed home a fortuitous 57th-minute penalty down the middle after the ball had struck Brendan Kelly's arm.

Halesowen's task became even harder when Westwood received a straight red card for jumping in with both feet on Downing in the 61st minute.

They almost grabbed an injury time equaliser when substitute Mark Smith's cross was met by Haseley's header only for Hider to claw the ball away from the top corner.

Two minutes later Bideford killed the game when substitute Jamie Mudge fired home.

## Netball joy for Bosco teams

**HOTSHOT** students from St John Bosco Primary School emerged as netball champions in the Stuart Bathurst Tournament.

The keenly-contested affair saw the West Bromwich school take two teams to compete against all the other Catholic Primaries in Sandwell - and both reached the final, where the A side beat the B team 5-0.



Keith Andrews displays his new Albion shirt

## Baggies sign up Andrews

ALBION sprung a surprise on transfer deadline day by taking on former Wolves player Keith Andrews from Blackburn.

The 31-year-old thanked the Baggies for ending his Ewood Park hell after an 11th-hour switch to The Hawthorns.

He sealed a surprise free transfer move after hitting Rovers with a transfer request to force his way out of the club.

Andrews, who began his career as a trainee at Molineux, revealed that he was determined to leave the troubled Lancashire club after being put out on loan to Ipswich.

"In the summer it was taken out of my

hands," said Andrews, who signed a deal to keep him at The Hawthorns for the rest of the season and will wear the No 8 shirt.

"I was told that they wanted to loan me out and I basically went and tried to enjoy my football again after having a frustrating season with injuries and illness.

"Once I came back in January I was hell-bent on getting a move. I had no interest in being at Blackburn and being at a place where I didn't think they treated me in a way I deserved to be treated."

Andrews, who netted nine goals in 20 appearances in the Championship for Ipswich, has linked up with Roy Hodgson

almost three years after the Baggies boss failed in a £4m move to take him to Fulham from Blackburn.

Ipswich had an option to buy Andrews permanently while Reading were also linked - but the Baggies offered him a route back into the Premier League.

"It's been madness," admitted, Andrews, who arrived for his medical just two hours before the 11pm Tuesday deadline.

Andrews became Albion's third January signing after Scott Allan and Liam Ridgwell while full-backs Gonzalo Jara Reyes and Joe Mattock both left The Hawthorns to join Brighton on loan.

## Hancock returns to meet the Heathens' supporters

HEATHENS speedway fans will be flocking to Dudley to welcome back old favourite Greg Hancock.

The reigning world speedway champion won his second crown 14 years after claiming his first and promised a return to his professional roots.

The former Cradley ace made nearly 400 appearances for the old Cradley club and notched more than 4,000 points.

The 41-year-old, who now lives in Sweden, will take the stage and meet supporters at The Venue Conference and Banqueting Centre, High Street, Dudley on March 17.

He will be joined by a number of former Cradley riders including former world champion and newly-named Heathens coach Jan O Pedersen and Colin Pratt.

### Busy

Hancock said: "I know what the Heathens name means to the people and they are just so passionate about their team."

"The Cradley days were special to me and to so many people. It will be nice to come back to England and to see my fans once again."

Tickets cost £10 and are still available at [www.dudleyheathens.co](http://www.dudleyheathens.co) or by cheque to HSSC, 2 Caernarvon Way, Dudley, West Midlands, DY1 2TR. More details: 07766 745681.

Hancock will also be in Cradley Heath itself on the afternoon of the event between noon and 2pm when he officially opens a new facility at Motor Market on Newtown Lane.

Meanwhile, the Heathens will defend their National League Shield against Knockout Cup winners Mildenhall early in the season.

In the cup, Dudley have been drawn against great rivals Buxton in the first round of 2012.

■ Birmingham Brumies, fresh from signing German champion Martin Smolinski, have been drawn against Manchester side Belle Vue in the Knockout Cup.

Thursday, May 31 has been pencilled in for the Perry Barr leg.

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# LIAM LANDS SHOT AT THE NATIONALS

**TIPTON** amateur Liam Gould is preparing for the national stages of the ABA Schoolboys competition after taking home the Midlands title.

Gould, from William Perry ABC, will represent the Midlands Counties against the North West Region on Sunday afternoon, taking on Ashton Albion ABC's Alex Clegg.

His place in the pre quarter-finals at the Manchester Boxing Centre of Excellence was secured after coming from behind to take a unanimous points win over Joshua Pope.

The two West Midlands rivals contested the Class Two - boxers born in 1998 - final at 48kg, with Pope representing Birmingham Irish ABC.

Gould, who attends Coseley High School, trailed at the end of the first round by a point, 5-4, but fought back to take the last two rounds and the title.

By the end of the second session, it was Gould who led by a point, 9-8, and he came on strong again in the third round to win 18-13 at the final bell.

### Bowed

But club-mate Harry Hughes fell to a stoppage in Class One - boxers born in 1999 - but nearly extended Kings Heath ABC's Ben Vaughan the distance at 42kg.

Hughes, who goes to the RSA Academy, Tipton, was halted in the third and last round after taking a standing count.

Walsall Wood ABC's Joseph Jenkins, Pleck ABC's Jack Adams and Wednesbury ABC's Declan Millward also bowed out at the Liberal Club, Bedworth.

But Gould was joined by Pleck ABC's James Beech and Aston ABC's George Battonbough, who beat

by Craig Birch

Jenkins in the final, last Sunday afternoon.

In Class One, Jenkins was level after two rounds, with the scores at 1-1 and 5-5 after the respective bells, but ran out of steam in the last session. It allowed Battonbough to take the decision and the title in a 14-11 points call at 38kg.

In Class Two, Adams was another victim of a stoppage, this time in the second round, coming off second best with Nuneaton ABC's Patrick Dunne at 57kg.

In Class Three - boxers born in 1997 - Millward saw his revenge mission fail against Capitol ABC's Levi Chandler at 44kg.

He beat Millward last year and had the measure of his opponent again, winning all three rounds.

Then came Beech, with one of the performances of the day to see off Khizer Ali, of Birmingham City ABC.

The West Midlands rivals contested the 48kg final over the longest fight duration of the day.

But, after their Sunday showdown over three, two-minute rounds, it was Beech who had his hand raised after a gruelling contest.



Now for the nationals: Boxer Liam Gould displays his Midlands gold medal

## Windmill ready for big bout

WINDMILL ABC in Smethwick will take on a Midlands Select amateur boxing team on a home club show next week.

More than 15 bouts are expected to take place between the two sides at the show on Friday, February 10.

The club is based in the Windmill Super Youth Centre, Messenger Road, Smethwick. A host of boxing stars will be there to watch the stars of tomorrow from ringside.

Among them will be Len Woodhall, who coached son Richie to the WBC world super middleweight title in the 1990s, along with fellow trainer Malcolm Melvin.

Current pro Birmingham's Nasser Al Harbi, the reigning WBC Asia Council Continental welterweight champion, will be there.

Birmingham's Sid Razak, the 10-year veteran of 85 professional contests, will join him.

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